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SMALLPOX SCARE IN ENGLAND.

VIRULENT OUTBREAK IN LONDON.

SEEMINGLY CARRIED BY SHIPS FROM THE EAST.

FRENCH REGULATIONS

London, April 16.
A small-pox scare in England almost unprecedented in now actively engaging the attention of medical authorities. France is particularly anxious and very stringent regulations are to be enforced against England.

The scare really began with the arrival at Marseilles recently of the Anchor liner "Tuscania" with a member of the crew suffering from small-pox. He died in Marseilles, a little later, immediately after which the ship's doctor was ordered to vaccinate the entire ship, passengers and crew between Marseilles and Liverpool.

The health authorities in Britain have since been most active in keeping in touch with all contacts with the case concerned.

Serious Outbreak.

The cause for the general alarm is revealed by an announcement by the Ministry of Health on April 13th, Saturday, that thirty-five cases of small-pox infected had been imported into London, five of which have since died.

In London to-day there are believed to be 175 cases of small-pox, including twelve passengers from the "Tuscania".
All the victims of the outbreak on the Anchor liner are suffering from small-pox of a most virulent type.

French Alarm.

The alarm on the Continent is evidenced by the announcement that the French Government has from to-morrow will enforce drastic regulations to prevent small-pox infection. All mailboats calling at French ports from England must hoist a quarantine flag before entering, and the names, addresses and destinations of all passengers must be supplied.

Each passenger must present a certificate of vaccination within the past two months before landing, otherwise they will not be allowed to disembark.

All boat crews must be vaccinated immediately.

Another Ship Affected.

The British India liner "Mashobra" arrived at Marseilles on Saturday with two passengers suffering from small-pox.

All passengers on the vessel, including Lord Burnham, a Member of the Simon Commission, who is on his way from India to England, were vaccinated, while arrangements have been made in London to supervise the movements of the passengers and crew after the "Mashobra's" arrival on Saturday next.

It is understood that the French small-pox regulations will not apply to air passengers.

Tourist Agencies Shocked.

The heads of the tourist organisations in London are astonished at the drastic nature of the new order and say that it will deal a heavy blow at France's trade and at Continental traffic generally.

The result, it is feared, will be a stoppage of practically all passenger traffic to France and beyond for the time being as the public will not get vaccinated in order to go to the Continent, except those compelled to do so by business demands.

Airway As Well.

It is now learned that the French small-pox regulations will come into force on Thursday and will apply to air passengers as well as to steam passengers, and also to all travellers merely passing through France.

The Imperial Airways has arranged for the vaccination of all passengers at Croydon, while steam passengers will be done on board. About 2,000 cross daily from England to France.

BRITISH YANGTZE COMMAND.

REAR ADMIRAL MACLEAN APPOINTED.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

London, Apr. 16.

The Admiralty announces that Rear-Admiral Colin Kenneth Maclean, C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., has been appointed Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze, in succession to Rear-Admiral H. J. Tweedie, and will assume the Command on October 15th next. Other appointments are:

Vice-Admiral Sir Ernie Chaffield, Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy since 1925, to relieve Admiral Sir Hubert Brand as Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, to-morrow.

Rear-Admiral Dunbar Lee Smith to relieve Rear-Admiral Grace as Rear-Admiral Commanding Submarines, to date from September.—*British Wireless.*

The new Senior Officer on the Yangtze is the eldest surviving son of the late Major General Charles Smith Maclean. He served at Zeebrugge during the war and with the Destroyer Flotilla of the Harwich Force.

Rear-Admiral Grace will be remembered as Commander in Hongkong from 1922 to 1924. He has been Rear-Admiral Commanding Submarines since 1925.

INDIAN PRINCES & THE CROWN.

BUTLER COMMITTEE ISSUES ITS REPORT.

STATES SUPPORTED.

London, Apr. 16.

Of the greatest interest and importance, the report of the Indian States Committee, under Sir Harcourt Butler, which has been enquiring into the relationship of the Indian States and the paramount power, was issued to-day.

The Harcourt Butler Committee has been holding sittings almost simultaneously with the investigations of the Simon Commission.

The Committee is of the opinion that the relationship between the Indian Princes and the paramount power have on the whole been harmonious and satisfactory.

The Committee recommends that the Viceroy and not the Governor-General-in-Council should, in future, be the agent of the Crown in its relations with the Princes, while important matters of dispute between the States themselves, between the States and the paramount power, and between the States and British India, should be referred to independent committees for advice.

Treaty engagements exist between the Princes and the Crown and the relationship between the paramount power and the Princes should not be transferred without the latter's agreement to a new Government of British India responsible to the Indian Legislature.

The Butler Committee has, however, left the door open for constitutional developments in the future.—*Reuter.*

FURTHER UNREST IN SPAIN.

FORMER LEADERS ARRESTED OR "WANTED."

Lisbon, Apr. 16.

The unrest in Spain is apparently still acute, an official announcement having been made to-day to the effect that another ex-Premier, Senor Antonio Maria da Silva and a number of others concerned in a plot against the Government have been arrested. Yet another former Premier, Senor Domingos Pereira and a former Minister, Daniel Rodriguez, are "wanted" by the police in connection with the same affair.

Rumours of a Monarchist plot are denied, the Government declaring that the Army and the Navy are rendering it full support.—*Reuter.*

WUHAN WAR NEAR ITS END.

ATTACK ON KWANGSI CONTEMPLATED.

CANTON ORDERED TO TAKE ACTIVE STEPS.

OTHER LEADERS MOVE.

Hankow, Apr. 17.

It is officially confirmed that fighting has broken out at Shansi between the retreating Kwangsi forces and pro-Government troops. It is stated, however, in authoritative Chinese circles that the hostilities up to the present have only been of a skirmishing nature.

It is believed that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the Government troops to pursue their attacks on Generals Hu Taung-tu and Tao Chun with more vigour in order to speed up their surrender and to avoid wasting time in useless negotiations.

Troops Sandwiched.

It is anticipated that the Hupei troops will be unable to make much of a stand since they are sandwiched between General Liu Hsiang, of Szechuan, on the West, and Generals Chang Fat-kwei (of the "Ironsides" formerly of Canton) and Hsia Tsyin on the East.

The submission of General Hu Taung-tu is momentarily expected, and in the meantime all upper river sailings have been suspended.—*Reuter.*

No News From Changteh.

A Nanking naval wireless message stated that no further news has been received from Changteh where the A.P.C. installation was wrecked last week and members of the staff captured.

Another message state that General Hu Taung-tu and Tao Chun are still in Shansi.

War on Kwangsi.

Shanghai, Apr. 16.

It is strongly rumoured that on the completion of the campaign against the Hupei leaders at Shansi, General Chang Fat-kwei will be placed under orders by Chiang Kai-shek to attack Kwangsi Province.

Three of the Kwangsi Clique, Wang Shao-hung, Li Chung-yen and Pei Chung-hsi are now in Kwangsi preparing to resist a possible attack, while it is learned from Wuchow that in order to secure funds for the campaign, it is likely that the ban on opium and gambling will be removed.

Incidentally, General Ho Chien is reported to be mobilising Hunan forces for a move against Kwangsi.

Gen. Wong Adamant.

Chinese reports from Canton state that the Central Government has wired to Canton instructing General Chan Chai-long and General Chan Ming-shu to take necessary measures against General Wang Shao-hung if the latter continues his stubborn attitude against the Nanking Government.

It is understood that the Canton Government recently sent Mr. Sheung Han-ping as a delegate to Wuchow to see General Wong Shao-hung, probably to persuade him to announce his allegiance to the Central Government. Mr. Sheung, on arriving at Wuchow, opened negotiations with General Wong and other Kwangsi leaders; but it is said that the Canton delegate failed to influence the Kwangsi leaders.

Mr. Sheung has now returned to Canton and reported that General Wong and other leaders still maintain a stubborn attitude and have intimated that they will not stop the expedition into Kwangsi.

General Chan Chai-long inter called an important meeting of all high military and civil officials in Canton, including Mr. Sheung, who gave a lengthy report on General Wong Shao-hung's attitude. Details of the meeting are not available, but it is understood that it has been decided to send a delegate to Wuchow again, in the hope of securing more favourable results.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

HOOVER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

STRIKING RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED.

FARM BOARD MOOTED.

Washington, Apr. 16.
The creation of a Federal Farm Board, as well as the limited revision of the tariff and the reorganisation of the Tariff Commission were the outstanding recommendations of President Hoover's Message to Congress.

Mr. Hoover said that the Board he suggested would investigate the causes of the agricultural depression and would be charged with finding sound remedies. It would have authority and resources to apply those remedies.

He proposed that the Board should be equal in importance to the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Federal Reserve Board.

President Hoover emphasised that in determining changes in the tariff, account must be taken of the broad interests of the whole country, including American trade relations with other countries.

He declared that no discrimination against a foreign industry was involved in equalising the difference in costs of production at home and abroad.

He also urged that the salaries of the Tariff Commissioners should be higher so that the Government would be assured of getting men of broader attainments.

Equally, he thought that in the reorganisation, the basis in which the Commission made recommendations to the President for ad-

"BRIDGE MADE EASY."

New "Telegraph" Feature Starts Soon.

The "Telegraph" feature, "51 Common Errors in Bridge," will conclude to-morrow, and on the following day there will appear the first of a series of articles entitled "Bridge Made Easy." These have been specially written by W. W. Wentworth, a well-known authority on the game, and should prove of widespread interest.

This series will deal with the basic principles of the game, and each article will be complete in itself. A start will be made with a discussion on "Average Probabilities," and this will be followed by a lengthy series dealing with the art of bidding, general bridge strategy, etc.

To the beginner as well as to the experienced player, "Bridge Made Easy" will be found to contain much useful advice.

Administrative changes in the rates of duty, should be made more automatic and more comprehensive so that the time required for the determinations of the Commission would be greatly shortened and many secondary changes in the tariff could well be left to the action of the Commission.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DUTCH FISHERMEN COMPENSATED.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PAYS CLAIM.

London, Apr. 16.
A White Paper has been issued showing that the British Government has agreed to pay the Netherlands Government, a sum of 1,000,000 guilders in respect of the claims of the Dutch fishing industry, owing to the action of the British authorities during the War.—*Reuter.*

GENERAL DAWES.

APPOINTMENT TO LONDON CONFIRMED.

Washington, Apr. 16.
The Senate without a vote has confirmed the appointment of General Charles Dawes as American Ambassador to London.—*Reuter.*

HONGKONG HOTEL BUS STOPS.

SELECTING SUITABLE PLACES.

COMPANY'S DRIVER PLEADS INSTRUCTIONS.

A WISE ARRANGEMENT.

The question of the provision of suitable stopping-places for the Hongkong Hotel buses along the Queen's Road route came up for consideration before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Police Court this morning, in connexion with a summons against the driver of one of these buses for stopping at an unauthorised stopping place.

Inspector Nicol, in charge of the Traffic Office, stated that at 12.25 a.m. on March 23rd, he was driving along Queen's Road Central, between Pedder Street and Ice House Street, about 15 yards behind Bus No. 603, which was travelling at a speed of between 20 and 25 miles an hour.

Near Ice House Street.

Opposite St. Francis Hotel, the bus suddenly stopped to pick up passengers. Witness approached and asked the driver for his licence, informing him that he would be summoned for stopping at an unauthorised stopping place.

In reply to his Worship, witness said the next stopping place authorised for these buses was by the City Hall. He handed in Regulations drawn up on June 2, 1927, and drew his Worship's attention to No. 34, subsection 8A, which made it unlawful for buses to stop at other than authorised stopping places.

The defendant, in reply to the charge, said his instructions were received from the Manager of the Garage, these being that whenever three pulls were given to the bell, he was to stop immediately.

Manager's Understanding.

His Worship observed that as defendant pleaded instructions from the Company, he would like Mr. T. Parsons, the Manager in charge of the Hongkong Hotel Garage, to give evidence on the matter.

Mr. Parsons, upon being called into the witness-box, stated:—"What happened is this. Inspector Alexander (late in charge of the Traffic Office, who has now gone home on leave) and I selected the stopping places before the services were started, on October 15, 1928. He told me there would be no objection to stopping between these stopping places until such time as the services had been run or tried out to find if these places were suitable. Then, going further into the matter, I selected more suitable places as required."

Wise Thing.

His Worship observed, in regard to witness' last remark, that that would be a wise thing to do. They had to consider, his Worship said, the poor pedestrians who got chased all over the street by the buses, not to speak of the trams. Witness considered that Ice House Street, where the buses were permitted to stop until recently, a convenient stopping place for people using the Ferry.

Inspector Nicol voiced an objection, expressing the view that no space would be left for the use of other traffic if two buses, coming from opposite directions, were to stop alongside each other at this part of Queen's Road.

He admitted that he was not aware of the arrangement previously made between Mr. Parsons and Inspector Alexander, but pointed out that summonses had been taken out under the same Regulations in Kowloon every week.

Magistrate's Analogy.

His Worship said the Regulations were not without their pitfalls. A bus-driver might not be permitted to stop his buses at other than the authorised stopping places, but short of running over the man he would be left with no choice if a man stood adamantly in the middle of the roadway and held up his hand in order to get on the bus. His Worship speculated whether, in that case, the summons would be

ROY C. ANDREWS DISGUSTED.

ABSURD DEMANDS OF PEKING CULTURAL SOCIETY.

EXPEDITION TO END?

Peking, Apr. 16.
Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, the famous explorer and archaeologist, is now in Peking planning resumption of his expedition, but there is now a possibility that it will not be further pursued.

In an interview with Reuter to-night, Mr. Andrews said that the Peking Cultural Society is now making such impossible demands upon the Central Asiatic Expedition that it is likely the Expedition will be unable to go to Mongolia this year.

He said: "This Society demands that we spend all the money and do all the work and then give everything we find to China, in addition to paying the expenses of three Chinese scientists for the trip to Mongolia, afterwards taking them to America for two years, again paying all expenses."

Mr. Andrews declares that unless the conditions are modified his expedition will not stir a foot in the direction of Mongolia, preferring to return to America with the work of the Expedition uncompleted.

A deadlock now exists, though it is understood that the Peking Cultural Society proposes to refer the matter to the Nanking Government.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH PLANES FOR RUSSIA.

NO RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

TRADE FIGURES.

London, Apr. 16.
Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a question, that he understood negotiations had taken place between the Soviet Government and a British aircraft company with a view to the supply to Russia of a considerable number of aeroplanes.

No licence was required to export aeroplanes from this country, if, however, the aeroplanes were fitted with any armament, such as machine-guns or machine-gun mountings, a licence would be required before that armament could be exported.

No application for licence to export such material to the Soviet Government had been received recently. It was not the policy of the British Government to impose restrictions upon the export of civil aircraft to foreign countries.

The President of the Board of Trade stated that imports from Russia to this country for the last twelve months amounted in round figures to £21,600,000. Exports from this country to Russia amounted to £2,700,000 and re-exports to £2,084,000.—*British Wireless.*

THE KING GOES FOR A DRIVE.

PAYS VISIT TO COLNBROOK WITH QUEEN.

London, April 16.
His Majesty the King, accompanied by the Queen, went for a motor-drive this morning. They went in a closed car from Craigwell to Colnbrook House, a distance of about a mile and a half.

At Colnbrook House they were met by Mr. Richardo and Their Majesties spent some time walking in the beautiful grounds before driving back to Bognor for lunch. This was the first time the King has driven out since he went to Craigwell House on February 9th.—*British Wireless.*

His Majesty:—The position is, that you know nothing of the arrangements between Inspector Alexander and Mr. Parsons?

Inspector Nicol:—No, sir.
His Majesty:—Under the circumstances, I think we can go no further on this summons. Summons dismissed.

MR. SNOWDEN LETS HIMSELF GO.

A BITTER ATTACK ON DEBT AGREEMENTS.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT BEARS THE BRUNT.

LABOUR REPUDIATION.

London, Apr. 16.
A dramatic declaration to the effect that the Labour Party, if returned to power at the General Election, would possibly reopen the whole question of the war debts of European Allies to Great Britain, was made by Mr. Phillip Snowden, the "prospective" Chancellor of the Exchequer, during the debate on the Budget in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Snowden not only condemned the financial settlements with the Continent, but strongly repudiated the "infamous" Balfour Note, which provided that the British Government would not demand more from their debtors than she was required to pay to the United States.

Not Be Bound?

Mr. Snowden regarded this understanding as grossly unfair to the British taxpayer, and he refused to subscribe to the doctrine of that agreement, which he declared was made by a Government with a temporary majority in the Commons, which thereby committed every other Party.

He suggested that the Labour Party would possibly decline to be bound by that doctrine.

Allied Debts.

Earlier in the course of his speech, he launched a most bitter criticism of the settlements made between Britain and her Continental debtors.

He was most strongly condemnatory of the arrangement with France, whom he declared had repudiated four-fifths of her debt by the stabilisation of the franc.

France "Bilking."

Mr. Snowden said that many Britishers had been practically ruined because France was bilking her national obligations, and this at a time when he considered France to be the most prosperous country in Europe.

If it had not been for British help, he added, France would not be an independent country to-day.—*Reuter.*

Not First Challenge.

This is not the first occasion on which Mr. Snowden has roundly criticised the War Debt arrangements. Speaking in the House of Commons in July, 1926, he asserted that Mr. Churchill was a poor hand at striking a good bargain. He had tumbled down, said Mr. Snowden, every time he came into contact with representatives of any of the Continental debtor nations, and the British taxpayer would be raising £100,000,000 a year for the next 62 years as a result.

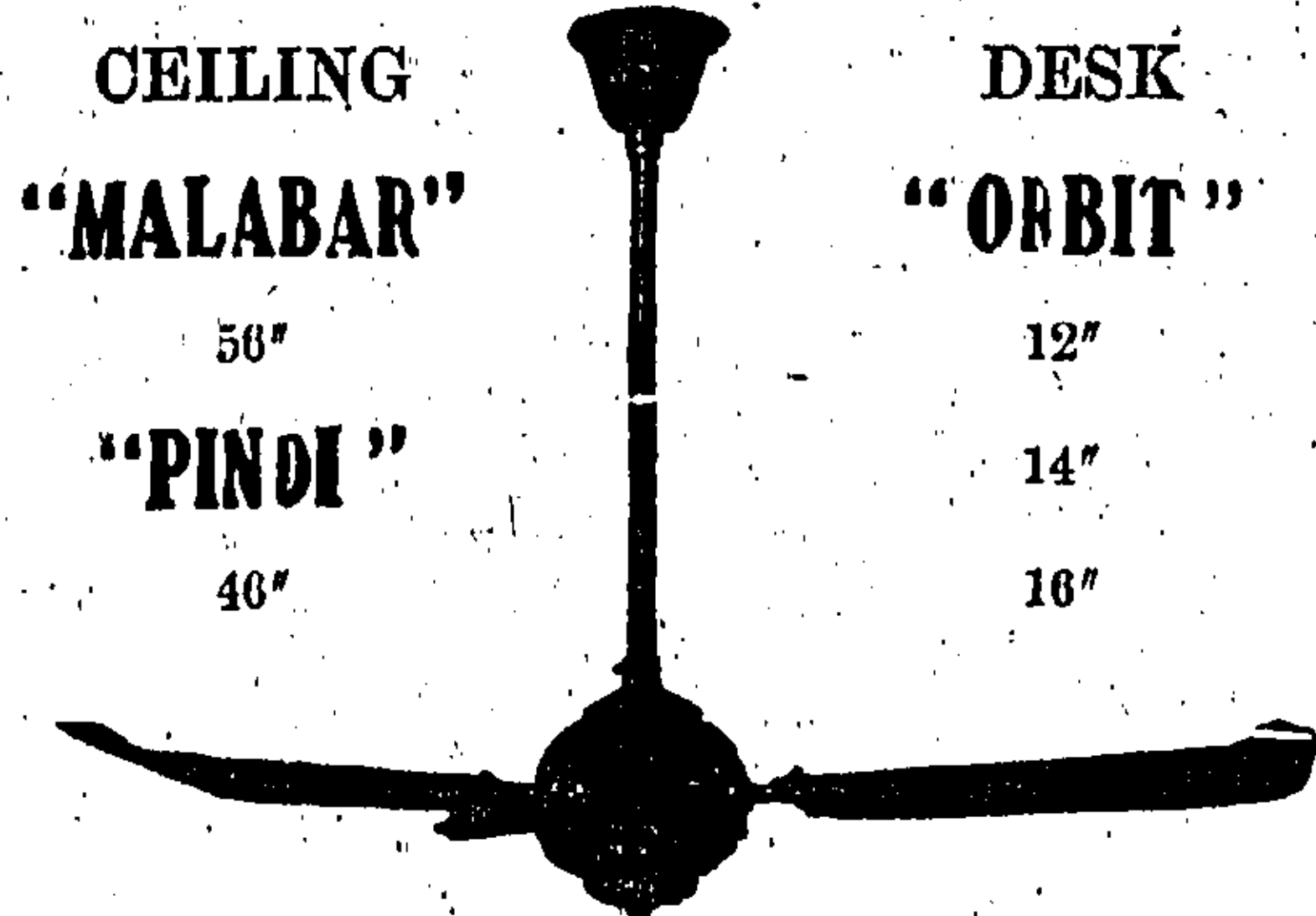
If it had not been for the American debt settlement, Mr. Snowden declared, cancellation of all the war debts would have been very simple.

America's Position.

He added that in 15 years time, America would be taking from Europe on account of war debts £80,000,000 a year. The richest country in the world, which came into the war three years after its outbreak, would be taking the whole of the reparations payments made by Germany, and not one of the European Allies would be getting a single penny. That was a position, he asserted, that could not permanently continue.

During the same debate, Mr. Lloyd George said the one mistake which landed Europe in all the trouble was the funding of the British debt to America. The whole thing had been thoroughly muddled from the beginning.

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REASSURING STATEMENT AT
SANITARY BOARD.

TRIBUTE TO DR. TSO.

Warm tributes to the work on the Sanitary Board of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso were paid by the President at the Board's fortnightly meeting yesterday when Mr. W. J. Carrie welcomed Mr. T. N. Chau as a new member of the Board in place of the Hon. Dr. Tso.

In answer to questions regarding the number of cases of measles in Hongkong, the Medical Officer of Health said he had not been informed of any cases this year. Only one death indirectly due to the disease had been returned and he did not anticipate an epidemic. He advocated a School medical service, with complete sickness records, among other things as a step to be taken in the event of an epidemic.

Referring to the Hon. Dr. Tso the President said:—Since our last meeting we have lost the senior unofficial Member of this Board, the Honourable Dr. S. W. Tso. I cannot let such an event pass without saying a few words of farewell, though Dr. Tso has not really left us and will continue, I know, to co-operate with us from a higher plane.

Dr. Tso has been a member of this Board for a longer period than any of us here now, namely from November 15, 1918. He has borne the brunt of the day for over a decade, and seen epidemics come, fought, and go. I need not go into detail and would mention here only the great vaccination campaign of 1923 which owed much of its success to Dr. Tso's labours.

I shall not refer to the many other public activities of Dr. Tso. They have been mentioned elsewhere and the open mark of appreciation of his long and arduous labours on this Board and on many another Board and Committee is his appointment to the Legislative Council.

The New Member.

As senior representative of the Chinese Community on the Board Dr. Tso has always been in close touch with the Head of the Department. His work was by no means confined to these somewhat formal fortnightly meetings we have in this room, but when occasion arose he would be in my office giving me the benefit of his long experience and knowledge of conditions among the various classes of the community or together we would be climbing the steep stairs of a tenement house to see the actual conditions as they exist.

Complaints used to reach him—there are always bound to be complaints—regarding the activities of the executive officers of the Board. Dr. Tso appreciated to the full that as a member of the Board the responsibility was his as well as that of the Head of the Sanitary Department. He would come therefore, lay the complaint before me and discuss fully how it could be met. Though ever ready to receive these complaints Dr. Tso was equally ready to listen to both sides of the argument and if he was convinced that our activities were for the public good he became our devoted advocate and by his own earnest manner he was able to convince our previous detractors.

I am extremely sorry Dr. Tso has left us and I wish he had not done so but I appreciate his feelings that on appointment to the Legislative Council he should make way here for another spokesman for the Chinese Community.

This brings me from the lament for the departed to the welcome for his successor, Mr. Chau needs no introduction from me to you all. He bears a well-known and honoured name and he will I am sure prove a worthy upholder of a great reputation. He has

already shown his worth on several committees and Boards and we now welcome his co-operation in our work for the furtherance of the public health of the Colony.

Questions on Measles.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin asked if the M.O.H. would inform the Board if any case of measles had been reported and if so in what locality and what precautions had been taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

A second question asked if it was considered that an epidemic of the disease existed and whether extra precautions should be taken by parents and particularly in schools to prevent its infection.

The M.O.H. was also asked to advise what steps should be taken in the event of an epidemic.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, replied:—I am informed of none this year and only one death indirectly due to this disease has been returned; but measles is not an officially notifiable disease. The death this year, was a Japanese infant from Praya East, No. 2 H. D. early this month.

The Medical Officer in the Education Department, who would be most likely to become aware of cases in certain schools, has kindly given me information on the subject, although there is no official connexion between the Departments. She states: "No cases notified to me this year."

There is a report of two cases, she adds, from the University quarters. No cases were reported to her officially last year but she states that notifications from British Schools only are received.

Anglo-Chinese and the Vernacular Schools give us no information, and the entrants of the former are too old to be very susceptible. Unfortunately, very few Chinese children under 11 years of age are medically examined.

From the limited information available, the answer to the first part of the question is in the negative.

As to the second part, this question does not arise particularly now and is dwarfed by far more urgent and serious causes of child mortality. I do not anticipate an epidemic here.

Preventive Measures.

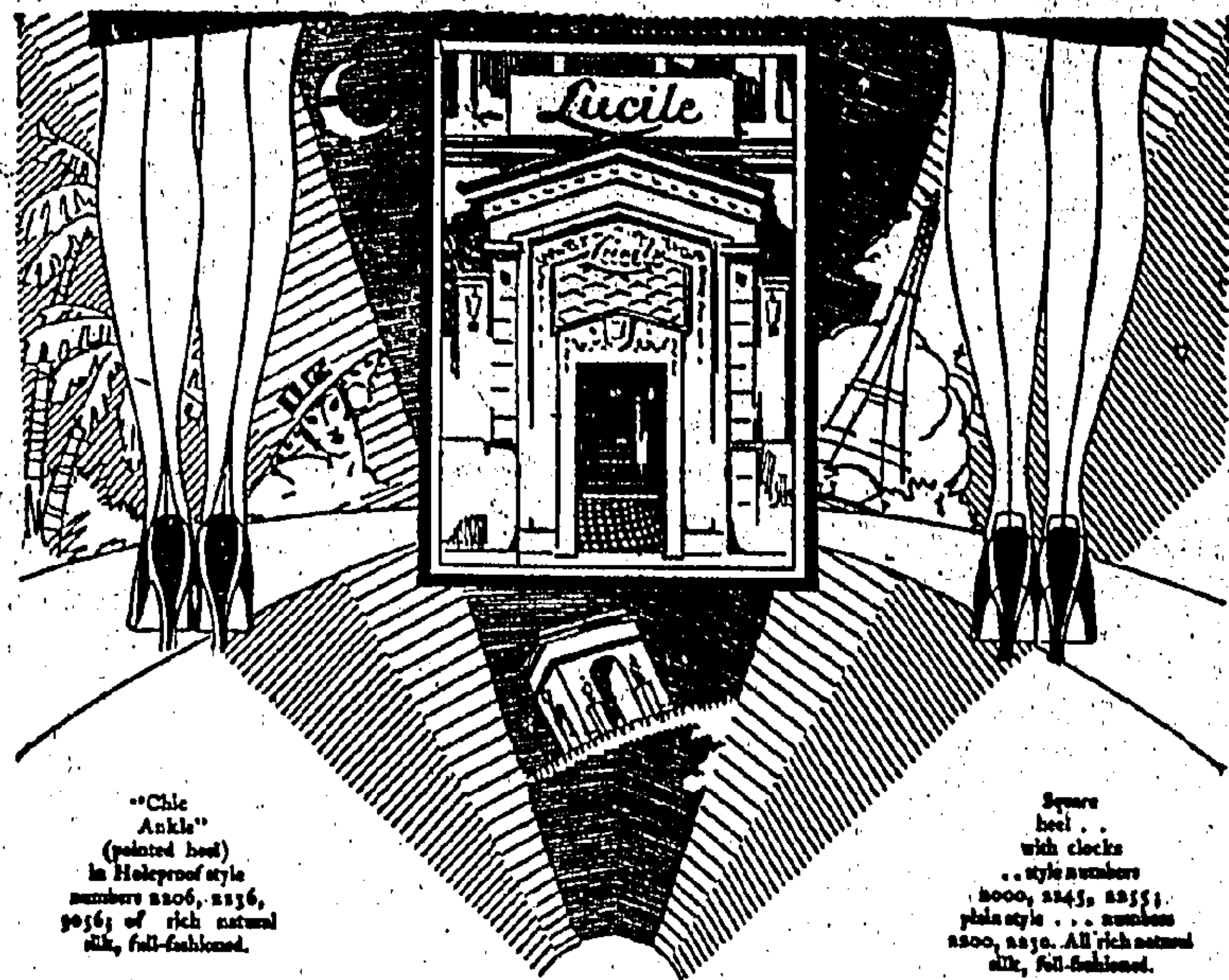
With regard to the third question this is too wide a subject to lay down in detail and depends largely on circumstances. Certain general principles apply. The chief of these, in my opinion, is a thorough School Medical Service, including complete sickness records of all school children. Exclusion of those who have not had the disease is then a simple matter and is more effective than the closure of whole schools.

Notification is a debatable subject and was tried in England in 1915 and repeated in 1919. Its difficulties are considerable and its objects obtainable by better methods, such as Infant Welfare Schemes, with Health visitors, co-operation of Practitioners and Health Propaganda. The mortality is highest in the first two years of life; it must be remembered, and the disease is highly infectious before the rash appears. Preventive inoculation is, at present, of very limited application.

Kowloon Tong Market.

In connexion with the plan for the proposed market at Kowloon Tong the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said he noticed that a sum of \$1,500 had been provided for a small market. In his opinion that was inadequate as he thought that more liberal provision should be made. Mr. Braga referred to the question of wooden blocks being used for meat and pointed out that he had previously advocated blocks of other material which would minimise the risk of infection.

He suggested that enamelled metal or some form of glass slabs might be utilised for the meat. Improved slabs might be adopted in the Kowloon Tong market. They might be advocated as



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CHINA AND JAPAN.

SHANTUNG EXACUATION MAY BE POSTPONED.

Tokyo, Apr. 16.
It is learned from a reliable source that the Government, after a joint conference with leading officials, has decided to seek Imperial sanction for a postponement of the withdrawal of troops from Shantung, owing to the Nationalists' repeated requests that they remain, on account of present inability to guarantee the safety of Japanese lives and properties if the troops be withdrawn.—*Reuter*.

an experiment for what might be used as a model market for Hongkong.

The President pointed out that if a more elaborate market was wanted the matter would have to be postponed. The amount set aside was \$1,500 but they could ask for a larger sum if the Board was prepared to postpone the matter until early next year. He was inclined to agree that the sum was on the small side.

The Hon. Mr. Braga suggested that a recommendation might be sent from the Board to the Legislative Council and a supplementary vote asked for.

The matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

CHANGTEH TROUBLE.

ATTEMPT TO REGAIN CONTROL OF CITY.

Hankow, Apr. 16.
There seems to be trouble at Changteh, caused by the efforts of Tan Tao-yuan to regain control of the city from his former subordinate, Li Yung-chih. When Lu Ti-ping was ousted by the Wuhan troops, Tan Tao-yuan was forced to flee and Li Yung-chih declared for Kwangsi. Now, encouraged by the Nanking successes, Tan Tao-yuan is attacking Changteh, which is stated to be in a state of siege.

As far as can be ascertained, up to the present all foreigners are alive and well, though it is reported some Mission property has been burned.—*Reuter*.

Tern Casualties.

Shanghai, Apr. 16.
Mr. John Marshall, an American news correspondent, a passenger aboard H.M.S. Tern, was wounded when the warship was fired on near Ichang.—*Reuter*.

[A previous message stated that three sailors on board were wounded when the Tern came under heavy fire above Ichang, where her presence was necessary in consequence of heavy fighting reported to be taking place there.]

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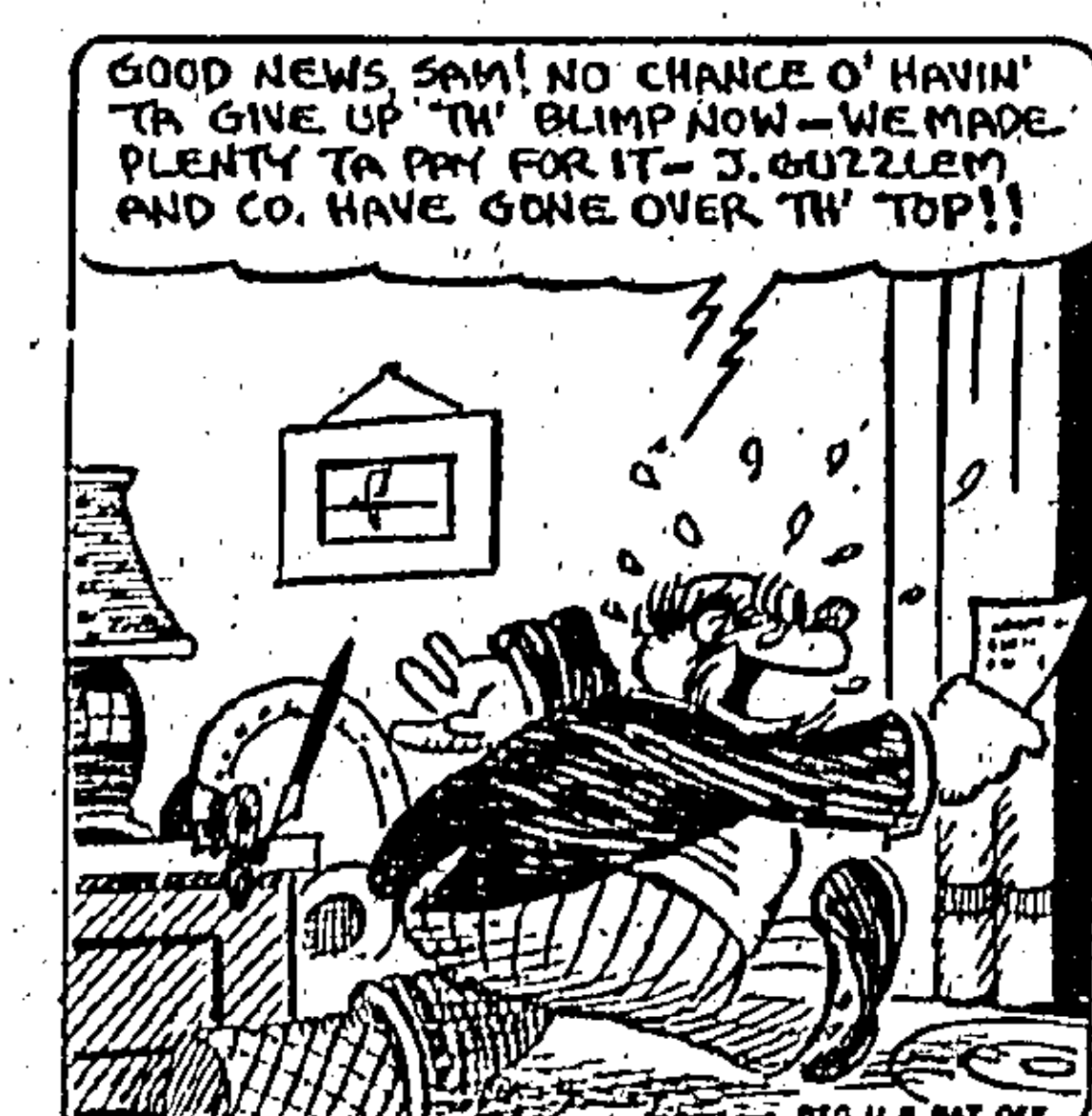
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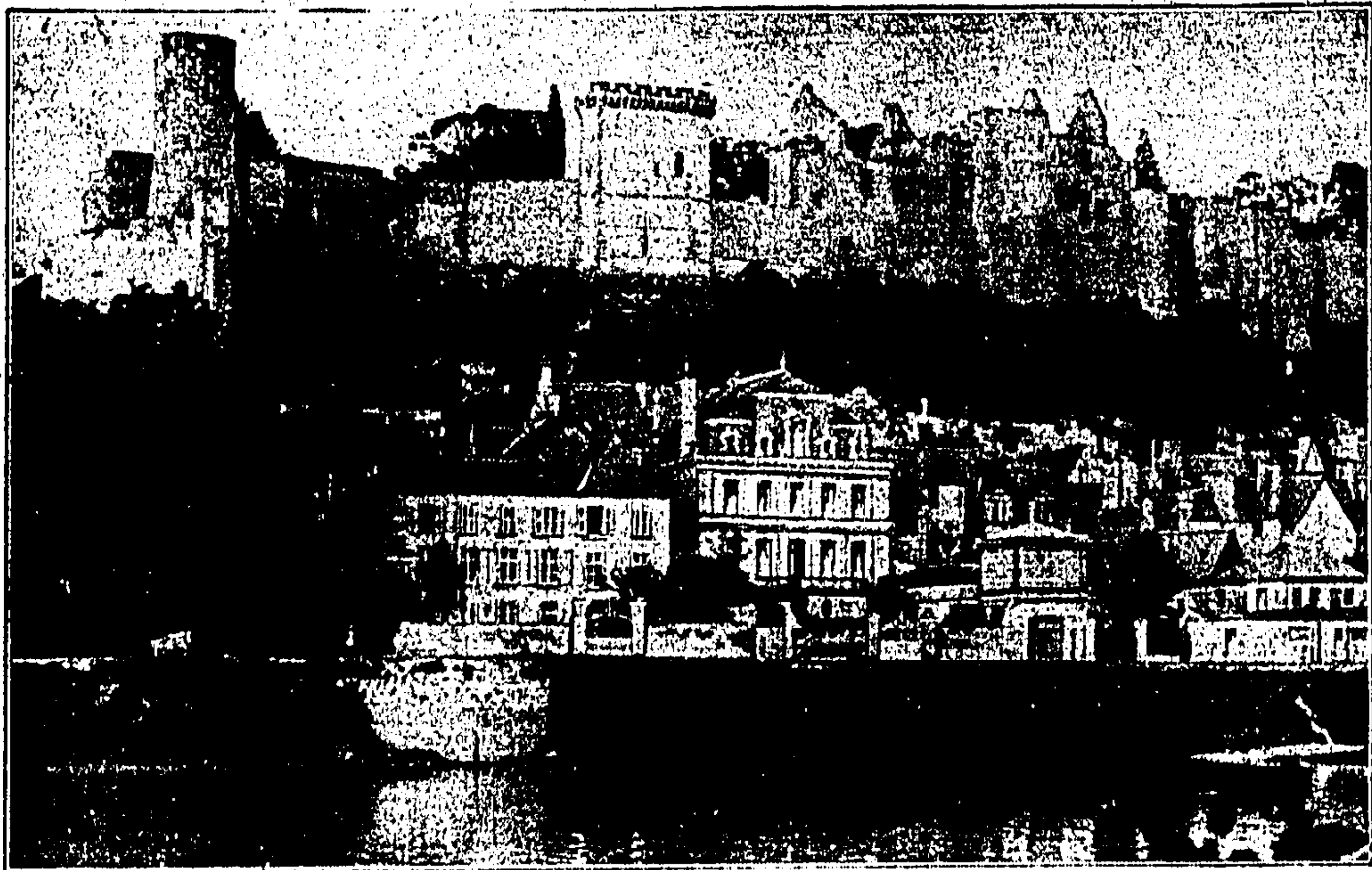
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The fifth centenary of Joan of Arc was celebrated in France this year. The castle of Chinon, near Tours, where she had her first audience of Charles VII, and persuaded him to undertake the relief of Orléans. The meeting took place in the Chateau du Milieu, in the centre of the present view, on March 8, 1429. (Times copyright).



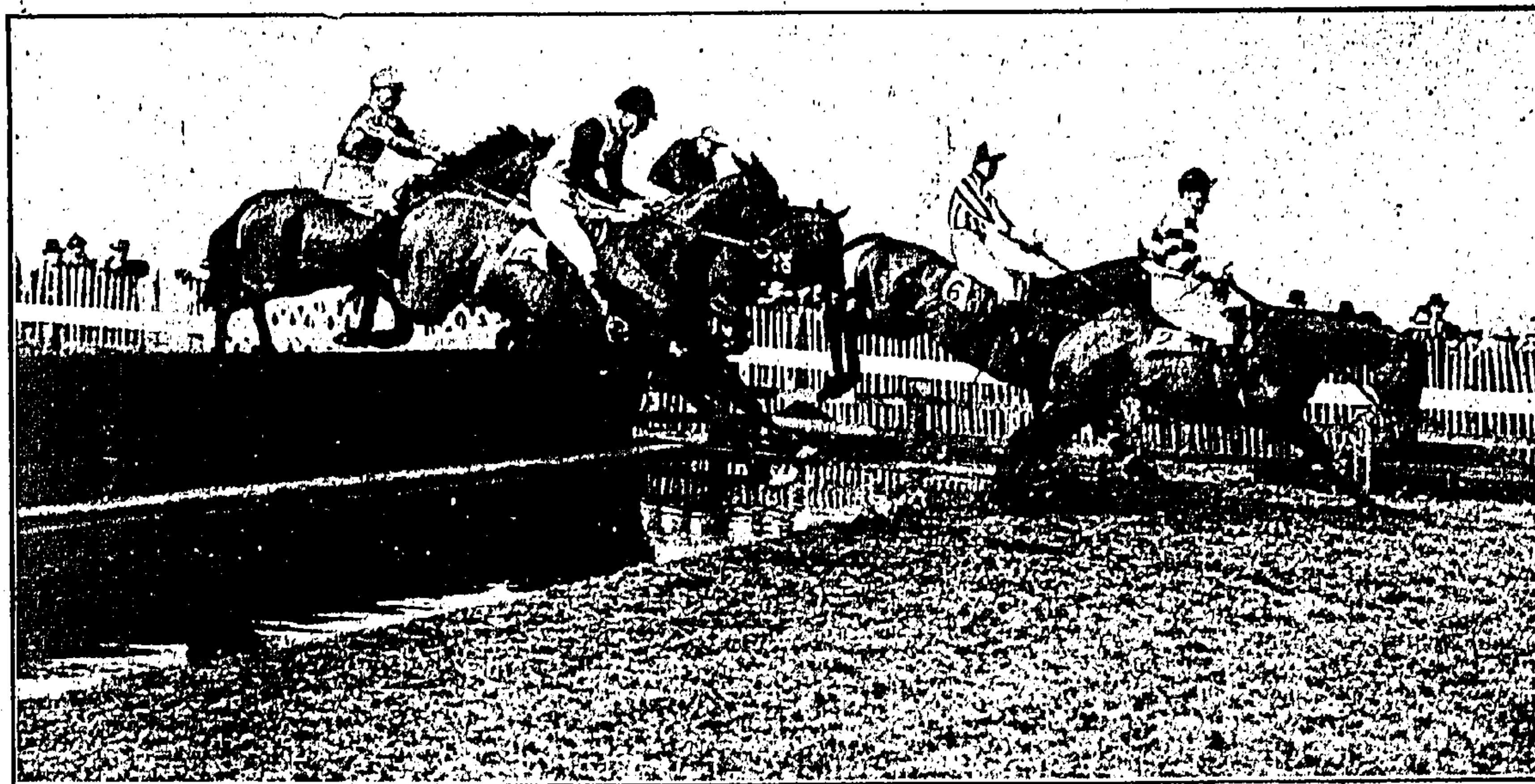
The triumphal car of the Queens of Paris in the Mi-Carême procession. (Times copyright).



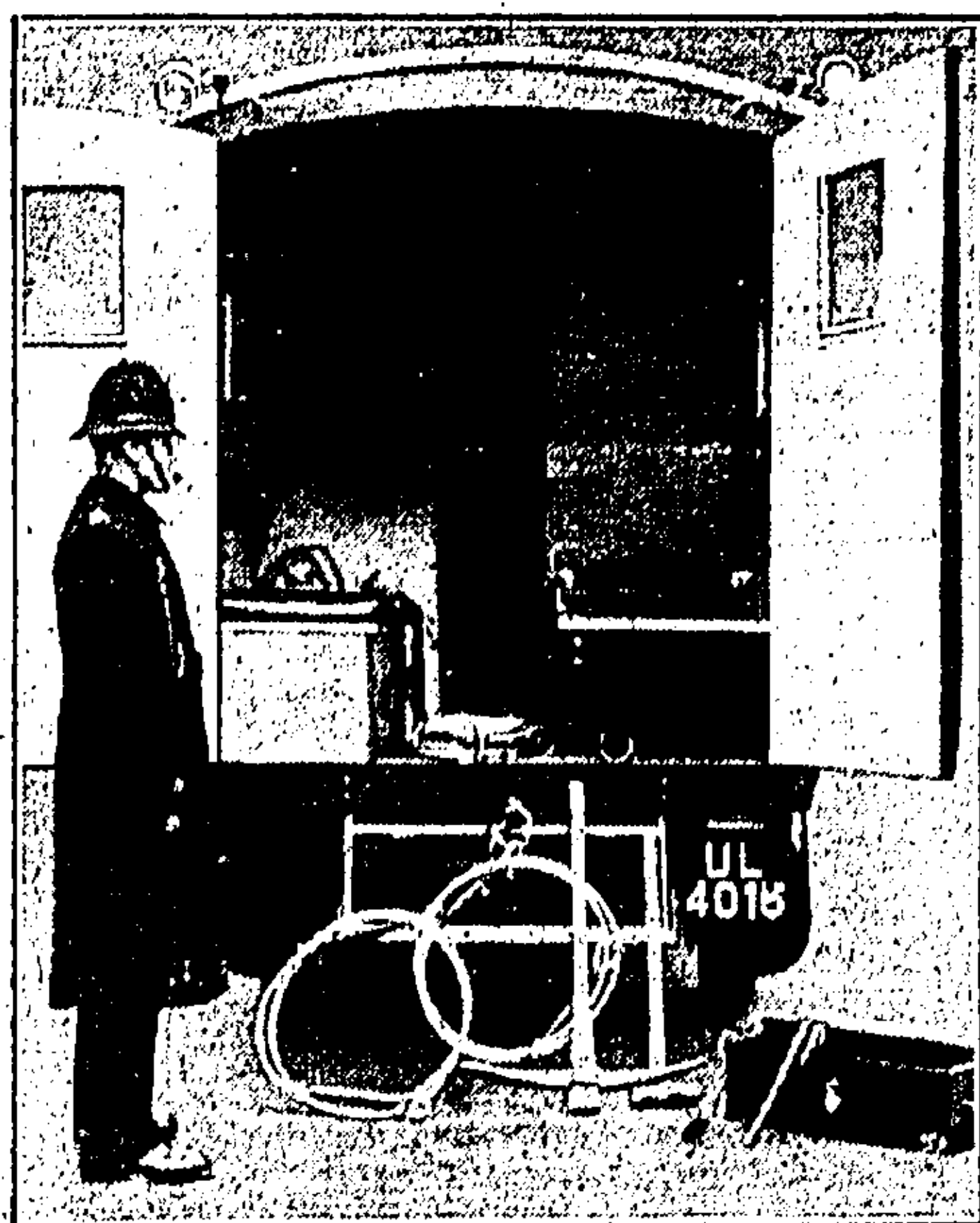
The Queen-Mother of Holland at Burlington House, London, during her day trip to England to visit the Dutch Art Exhibition. (Times copyright)



A photograph of the Oxford crew in training at Putney, when they had their first outing on the tideway. The crew is seen bringing their boat ashore. The result was an overwhelming victory for Cambridge. (Times copyright).



Mrs Kenneth Mackay's Sir Shaun leading Mr. Eric Platt's Maxtel and Major H. Lyons's Rathory at the water-jump the second time round in the Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase at Cheltenham. (Times copyright).



One of the new motor-vehicles designed for Scotland Yard. It has accommodation for an ambulance berth and a cell, and is equipped with a variety of tools for accidents and emergencies. (Times copyright).



The top photograph shows competitors in the Shanghai Cross-Country Championship held recently by the Shanghai Athletic Club lined up for the start. Bottom left—The Norfolk Regt. "A" team, winner of the team event. Left to right:—Pte. Lux, Opl. Johnson, Sgt. Wright, Lt/Opl. Cook, Pte. Desborough and Pte. Cole. Bottom right:—Pte. Perkins of the U. S. Marines nearing the finish.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 27th April, 1929, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 18th April, 1929.

THE BRITISH LEGION

Hongkong Branch.

The 8th. Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, 18th April, 1929, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Business:—

To receive the Report and Accounts for year 1928.

To elect officers.

A. PIERCY,

Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A General Meeting of Members will be held on FRIDAY, the 19th April, 1929, at 4.45 p.m. in the offices of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their proposers and seconders to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order

M. F. KEY,

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1929.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency will be held at the offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1929, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an extraordinary resolution, that is to say:—

That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Dodwell & Co., Ltd., of Hongkong be appointed liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the same time and place on Friday, the 10th day of May, 1929, for the purpose of confirming the above-named resolution as a Special Resolution.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1929.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 118.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1929, for the occupation for a period of one year from the date of notification of acceptance of tender of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about .71 acre shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 16th February, 1929, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the Office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$50 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

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HAROLD T. CREAMY,

Director of Public Works.

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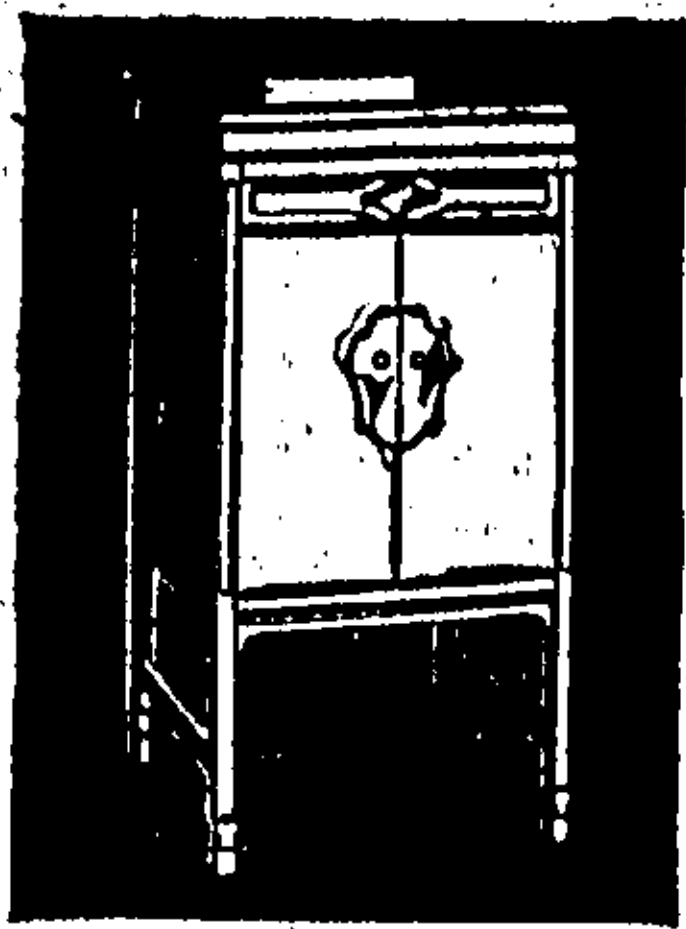
Yesterday's return contained two

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LETTER GOLF.

Don't let BIAS keep you from being FAIR—today's puzzle shows how easily one's opinions can be changed. Par is eight.

B	I	A	S
F	A	I	R

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

Mr. W. A. Donaldson, residing at No. 196, The Peak, has reported to the Police that some time between six and eleven o'clock on the evening of April 6, he lost a gold chain valued at \$40 from the third floor of the China Mail building.



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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Practical Hints.

ON REPAIRING HANDBAGS.

Don't cast aside an expensive handbag if it is beginning to look a little shabby, for the clasp is damaged. A good bag is always worth cleaning or otherwise freshening up, and this is quite a simple matter.

A working jeweller will repair a broken mount at small cost, and tarnish on maroonite and plated gold or silver once is removable with chamois leather and a little plate polish.

Things become soiled all too quickly, alas; especially the white kid with which so many of the smart French bags are now lined. Rectified benzene applied with a wad of cotton-wool should cleanse them.

A clean piece of ink eraser rubbed lightly over suede or fancy leather soon restores it. For obstinate stains the benzene may be used. Emery cloth, or fine sandpaper should be carefully applied if the pile on suede is badly "rubbed."

Reptile skin, pigskin and smooth leather may be treated with a touch of white shoe cream on clean flannel. Give a final polish with the palm of the hand. The natural grease of the hand, added to friction, is excellent for leather. Scratches disappear under this process.

If a light-coloured leather bag has faded obviously, or is spotted with



A sports ensemble of special attraction comprises beige stockinette pleated skirt, and jumper of beige and green stockinette woven in squares. Beige felt hat, and beige silk blouse finished with green tie.



The skirts of many evening frocks are distinctly longer, some reaching almost to the ankles. And patterned fabrics for these frocks sometimes show extremely large designs. The model sketched is in floral chiffon; the bodice is made in series of shaped bands, while the skirt shows the fashionable flared effect below the hips.

raindrops or other marks, but is otherwise in good condition, it is a good idea to stain it all over a shade darker with spirit stain. This stain, specially prepared for the purpose, is obtainable in sixpenny tubs in the form of powder, which must be dissolved in methylated spirit.

Clean the surface of your bag with a piece of clean flannel dipped in rectified benzene, then damp it all over slightly, and apply the liquid stain as evenly as possible with a wad of cotton-wool. Methylated spirit dries almost as fast as it is used, so care must be taken that a patchy or streaky effect does not result through unequal distribution. Use a circular motion or dab the colour on, rather than a to-and-fro movement. Experts use only a light solution, getting the right shade with repeated coats of colour, which are much easier to spread evenly. In the case of smooth leather, when dry polish with a new shoe "rubber" or the palm of the hand. Don't attempt to polish soft suede.

A single spot or a slight tear disfiguring a bag can be covered by an initial. These are to be bought, made of maroonite, ivory, enamel and plated gold and silver.

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IN EVENING WEAR.

Satin frocks are finished with jewel-trimmed chiffon coats to match.

Petal trimmings are seen on full panelled frocks for the jeune fille.

Narrow shoulder straps hold some of the smartest tulle and chiffon designs.

All evening frocks are extremely décolleté.

Patterned chiffon designs are decorated behind with a pointed, monk's hood cape effect, which falls attractively away from the bodice itself.

Sequin basques trim several models. These are made on stiffened net.

Tulle designs are finished with fluted bustle tiers behind.

Hip-line swathing frequently disappears into a knot of material, springing out at the pit of the back.

Chenille spots, gradually increasing in size towards the hem, decorate several flowing tulle designs.

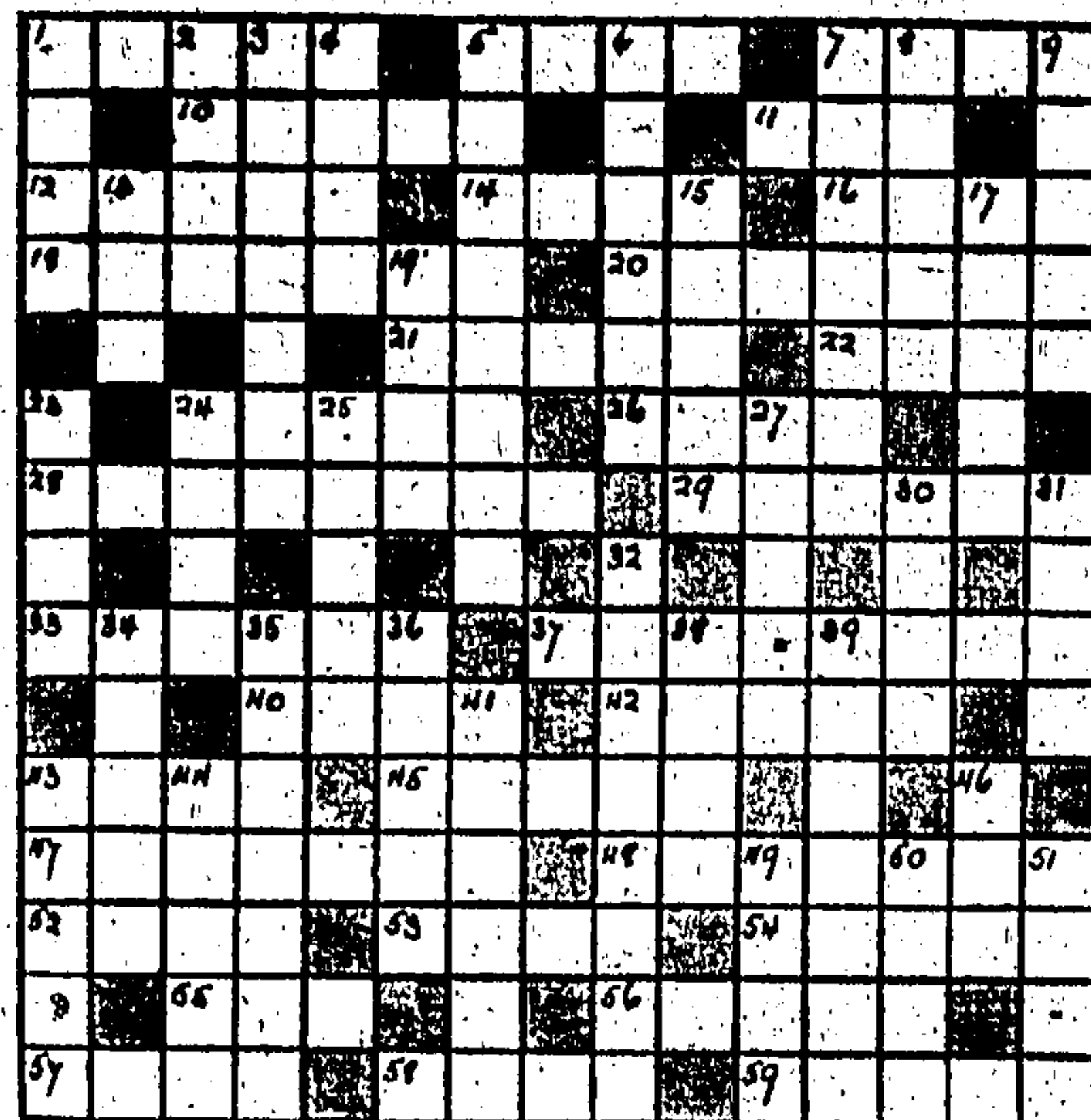
Straight, tight-fitting taffeta frocks—particularly the patterned variety—are adorned with a stiff panel of fringed frills on one side.

Collarless, Raglan-sleeved taffeta coats, crossing with diagonal fronts, cover many chiffon frocks which match in colour.



Here is a very practical coat frock, in grey and dull blue mixture, worn with a white plique vest and a grey suede belt. If you intend to copy this model, buy two and three-quarters yards of fifty-four inch tweed, and half a yard of twenty-seven inch plique.

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- Architectural structures.
- Look after.
- Balance.
- Belonging to me.
- Flickers.
- Gives strength to.
- Pin of wood.
- Save.
- Alcoholic drinks.
- Happening.
- Exclamation of woe.
- Understanding.
- Flattered.
- Spoke derisively.
- Land surrounded by water.
- Secure.
- Ascend.
- Age.
- Has become erect.
- Finishes.
- Smaller.
- Boundaries.

Down

- Stretched.
- Donkey.
- Indian antelope.
- From this place.
- Box.
- Historical epoch.
- Languish.
- Urges forward.
- Sneeze.
- Green in heraldry.
- Froggy.
- Those who press.
- Slays.
- Squanderers.
- Set again.
- Equal.
- Pierced.
- Staid.
- On fire.
- Sickened.
- Word which expresses consent.
- Tranquillity.
- Sound sonorously.
- Animal's lair.

Yesterday's Solution.

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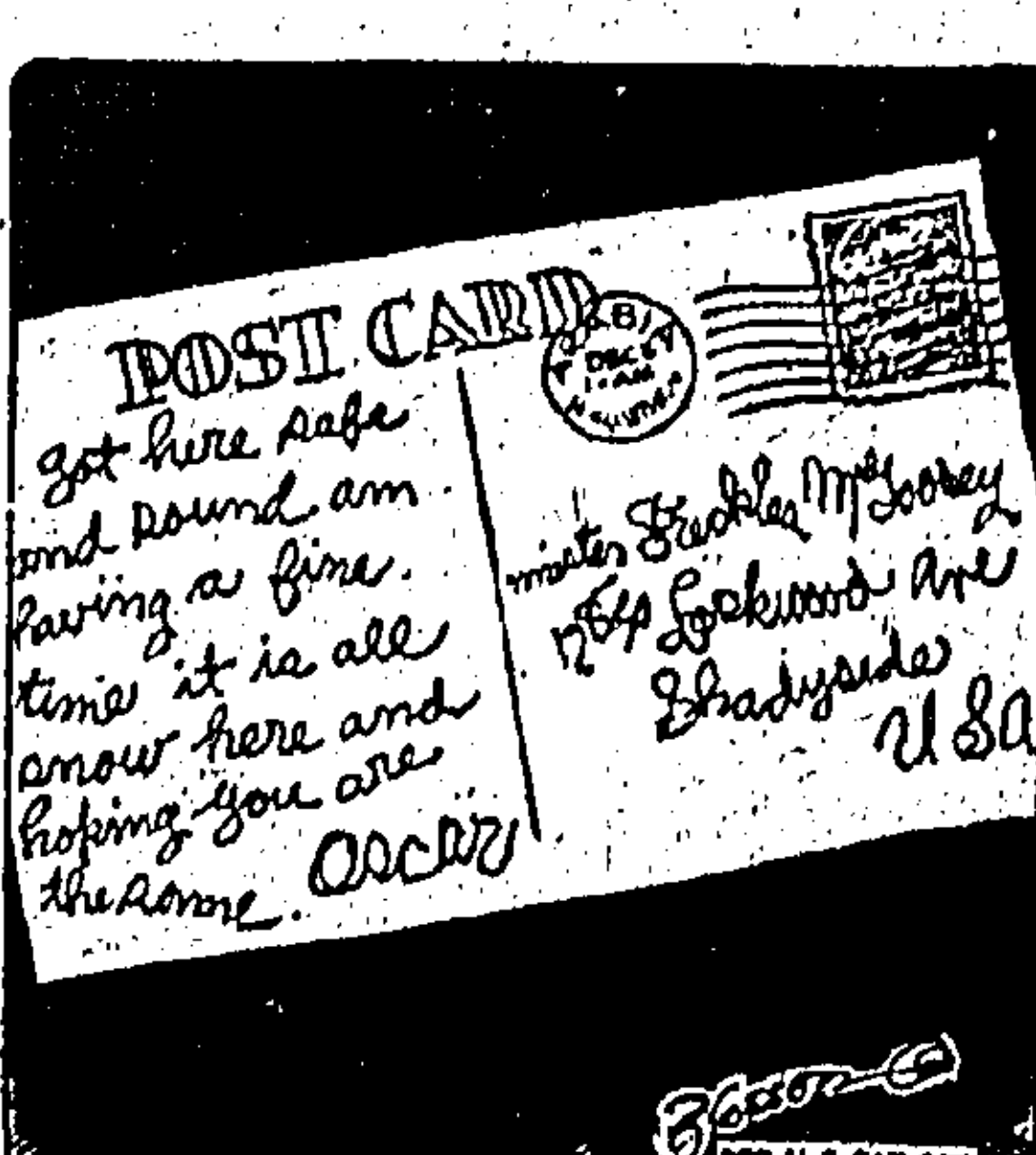
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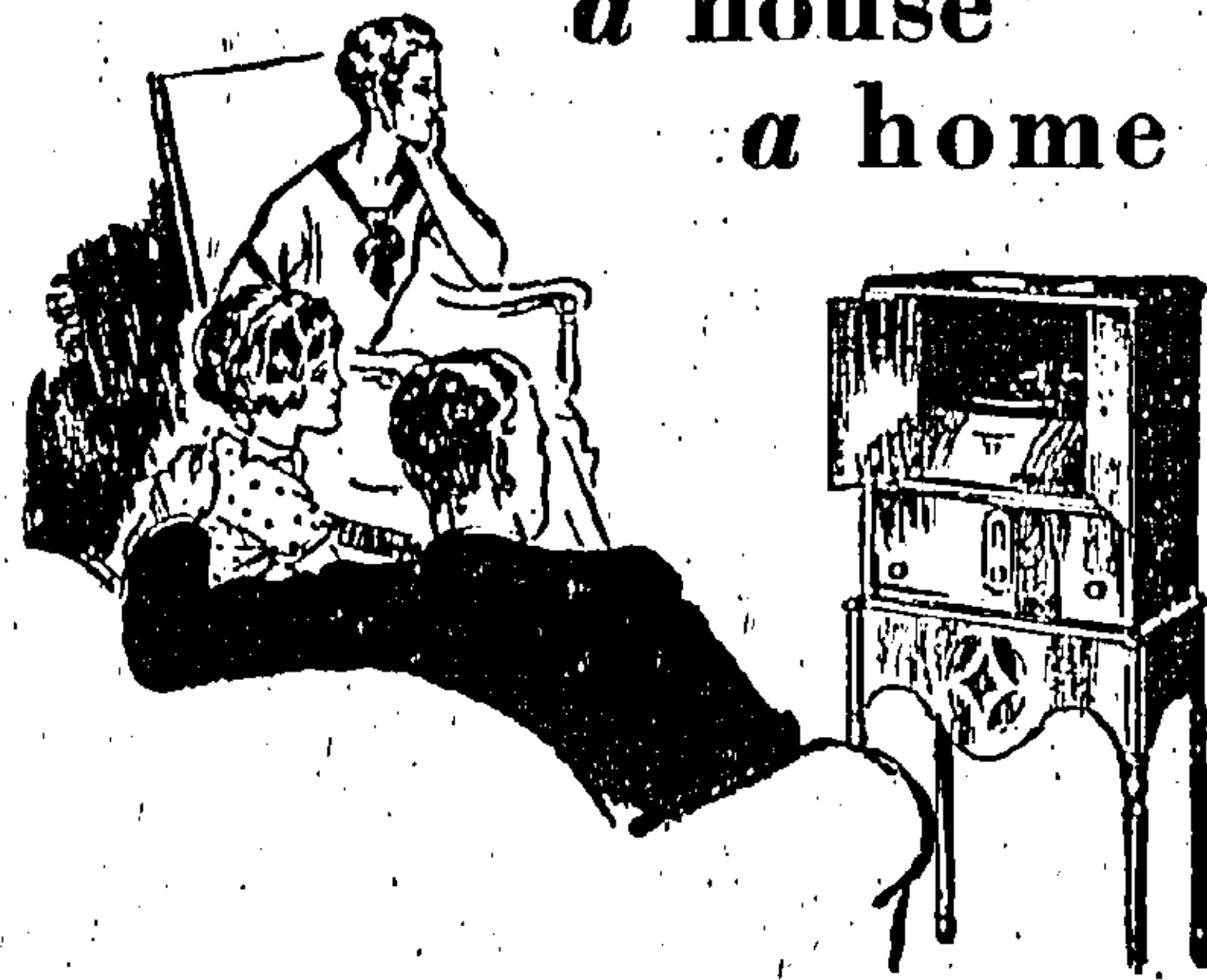
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MARRIAGE.

MOGNASCH-RIERA.—On April
14, at St. Joseph's Church,
Jose Carlos Mognasch to
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DEATH.

CURRY.—On the 4th March at
Exeter, after a long illness,
George Percy Curry late
Local Secretary, Hongkong &
Gas Co., Ltd.The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 1929

THE BUDGET.

As was to be expected, in view of the near approach of the General Election, Mr. Winston Churchill's Budget is of the "popular" variety. There is certainly nothing very constructive about the proposals; neither, on the other hand, can the Budget be described as in any way revolutionary in character. The concessions made by the abolition of the tea duty and the betting tax, as well as by the reduction in publicans' licence fees, are obviously designed to appeal to the masses. But this solicitude for the poorer classes will probably be interpreted as an electioneering manoeuvre, and, whilst those who benefit may be thankful for the concessions, it is quite conceivable that they will use their votes in the coming election in full accord with their usual political prejudices. The betting tax is now admitted by Mr. Churchill to have been a failure; we venture to think that his new bookies' telephone impost will be just as useless, for evasion would appear to be a relatively easy matter.

An analysis of the Estimates shows that the Conservatives are budgeting for a much smaller surplus than they did a year ago. This is the consequence of wiping out some of the existing sources of revenue and failing to make provision for new income. It would have been possible, of course, for Mr. Churchill to have gone even further in this direction of tax relief, especially as some other Party may be called to office as a result of the General Election. Undue trimming, however, would be unwise, for if the Baldwin Administration should happen to be returned, this would have only meant increasing its difficulties in the days to come. Even on the present basis, the eventual outcome may not be quite so good as Mr. Churchill thinks. The complete abolition of the tea duty comes as a surprise, although a substantial

reduction was expected. One other feature of the Budget is the bringing forward of the date on which the de-rating scheme will come into force. Here again the value of the concession is problematical, for the simple reason that the country does not know, in any event, the precise effects of this project, which can only be gathered by actual experience. Election influence is also discernible in this change of date, for the public had not been greatly inspired by promise of rate relief next autumn, especially in view of the uncertainty of the result of the election.

There can be little question that the unemployment problem will figure very largely in the General Election, in view of which fact it is rather surprising that the Conservatives have not come forward with something more tangible than the very obvious assertion that the evil can only be remedied by a general industrial revival. Generalities of this character are hardly likely to make much impression on the electorate in the face of definite proposals which will be forthcoming from the Liberal and Labour Parties. These two political units are working on the basis of appealing to particular sections of the community, but we see little evidence of the Conservatives doing likewise. In this connexion, some remission of the Income Tax would undoubtedly have retained middle-class support for the Government; the absence of specific consideration for this class may lose the Conservatives badly-needed votes. On the other hand, there can be no denying the fact that the Baldwin Administration has handled the nation's finances on sound lines and conducted Imperial affairs with understanding. A large bulk of the electorate, still suspicious of Labour, undoubtedly thinks that a Conservative Government provides the best assurance of a safe handling of domestic and Imperial issues, but the question is whether the traditional "swing of the pendulum" influence will offset such considerations and result in a change of Party.

Traffic Regulations.

The prosecution of Mr. Fiddes Wilson and other owners for parking their cars in the bay at the entrance to the Jockey Club enclosure, rather suggests, not for the first time, that the Traffic Department is carrying zeal to excess. Or it may be that Hongkong's motorists are generally so law-abiding that the Department has to look for something to do! Such things as white lines and traffic beacons do no harm to anyone, and since we suppose that everybody has had his joke about them at some time or other, perhaps they have served a useful purpose. Summonses for parking offences such as those of which the Jockey Club "culprits" were "guilty" are not viewed with quite the same equanimity. The fact that a spot is not specifically authorised for parking by our worthy C. S. P. does not necessarily make it an offence to park there as long as the car is off the main flow of traffic. If the time happens to be 6.45 a.m. we find it even more difficult to justify the police point of view, which does not appear to be one of sweet reasonableness. It would be a good thing all round, or at least so it seems to us, if the officers entrusted with traffic control were instructed that the primary purpose of the regulations is not revenue-producing, but to benefit all road-users by endeavouring to make things equal for all. Technical breaches, pure and simple, can be overlooked without the slightest fear that drivers will seek to take advantage of the Nelsonian eye. Five m.p.h. can be dangerous and 50 m.p.h. not, according to circumstances, and we should like to think that the Colony's traffic officers were able to distinguish and to use the same judgment as regards other incidents of the road. Our motor-bus regulations are obviously antiquated. The law regarding excess passengers was, in the days of ramshackle Fords, essential to public safety, but to-day, with

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS HARDLY A THING WE DO WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE SOME ONE ELSE TO DO SOMETHING ELSE.—J. E. Gibberd.

The P. and O. s.s. Karmala, from Shanghai, is due here at 5 a.m. on Friday.

H.M.S. Cleopatra will leave Hongkong for Woonung at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

M.M. ships Sandwich and Bridgewater arrived at Malta from Gibraltar on Tuesday. They are on their way to Hongkong.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows four cases of small-pox and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

Mr. T. Grimshaw, who is leaving the Colony on retirement, after 39 years here, on Saturday, is to be entertained to an "At Home" at Talkoo Club to-night.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. W. C. Gee, sub-telegraph engineer, P.W.D., Cape D'Aguilar Radio Station, to Miss J. G. Stallings, Jordan House, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Two apparently insane men, a Chinese named Wong Choi and an Indian named Sarwan Singh, have been sent to the Government Civil Hospital. The Chinese is 16 years of age and is from Shui Hing. He was found wandering in Queen's Road Central at about half past four yesterday afternoon. Sarwan Singh is 35 years of age and was found wandering in the compound at the Central Police Station.

A clever little party of Chinese entertainers from Shanghai have come to Hongkong under the management of Mr. K. S. Wong, formerly of the Kowloon Magistrate's Theatre and later arrangements will be made for displays at the Queen's and Star. The company includes over 20 dancers and musicians who have been appearing in Amoy and Swatow with great success.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 16.
Paris	124.255
New York	4.85 13/32
Brussels	34.655
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.60 1/2
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.475
Stockholm	18.175
Copenhagen	18.205
Oslo	18.195
Vienna	34.65
Prague	13.45
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	32.605
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	5.25 3/32
Buenos Aires	47.5 1/16
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Shanghai	2/0
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/4
Silver (spot for forward)	25.13 1/16

—British Wireless.

large modern vehicles on every run, it is to the benefit of the public that the law should be construed very widely. No-one is likely to suggest that the London traffic police are any less efficient than those of Hongkong, but one never hears of interference with L.G.O.C. buses during the rush hours, and these are double-deckers with strap-hanging facilities below, of which full use is made. Hongkong bus-conductors have been fined into objection to carrying more passengers than their seating accommodation permits, an attitude which annoys busy people in a hurry.

STREET SINGING
BEGGING?INTERESTING CASE IN COURT
AT KOWLOON.

"TALENTED ARTIST"

Protesting that he was a talented artist and was merely receiving his award from an appreciative audience, a young Chinese denied a charge of begging for alms which was brought against him by a Chinese detective before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

When the charge was read to the defendant, he replied that he had completed singing a song and was receiving payment from his audience, a shop-keeper, when he was arrested by the detective.

His Worship asked if there were no regulations prohibiting street singing, and received the reply that there were not.

A Chinese detective gave evidence of having seen the defendant carrying several short pieces of bamboo which he was knocking together. He went to three different shops and asked for money.

His Worship asked the Court interpreter if the bamboo sticks were used by Chinese singers, and received a negative reply.

The police suggested that the sticks were merely used to attract attention.

The defendant alleged that the detective was not present when he sang his songs before he received the money. The officer, however, replied that the defendant did not sing.

His Worship remarked that he did not think the defendant was entitled to sing in the street and ask for money. This, he thought, was begging.

The defendant protested that he was not begging and said that he had cultivated the art of singing. His Worship registered a conviction and cautioned the defendant.

WOMAN'S NOVEL
EXCUSE.TEN-MINUTE SEARCH FOR
SHELTERED SPOT.

Several Chinese, male and female, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Police Court this morning, charged with various offences under the hawking regulations. In practically each case small fines were paid.

Some of the excuses of the defendants were at least novel. A young girl who was charged with selling without a licence stated that her mother had a licence and she was merely looking after her mother's stall while her mother popped around a corner to light a joss-stick.

Mr. Hamilton wondered why the old woman should "pop around the corner" to light a joss-stick, and the old woman promptly replied that Hongkong is a windy place and she had to search for about ten minutes before she could find a nook suitable for her all-absorbing purpose.

The Chinese constable responsible for the case could not remember whether the day was windy or not, and Mr. Hamilton perforce discharged the young saleswoman with the usual reminder of what would happen if there were a further charge.

Variety is the keynote of the current programme at the Queen's Theatre, in which the main picture is "The Lovelorn," starring Sally O'Neil. It is a tale based on the love experiences of two sisters which threaten to bring them into enmity, but all comes right in the end. In addition, there is a news reel, a Hale Roach comedy, and a "Krazy Kat" cartoon.

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COMMON ERRORS
IN BRIDGE
AND HOW TO
CORRECT THEM
by W.W. Wentworth50. FAILURE TO ESTABLISH
RIGHT SUIT AT RIGHT TIME

North (Dummy)—
♠ A 2
♥ 8 5 4 3
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J 10 6 2

West—
Leads ♠ Q

South (Declarer)—
♠ K 4
♥ K J 10
♦ A K Q 7 6 5
♣ A 2

The Bidding: South bids no-trump and all pass.
Deciding the Play: West leads Queen of spades. Declarer wins

trick with King of spades. What suit should Declarer now play to insure game?

The Error: Declarer plays the diamond suit and opponents obtain the lead with Jack of diamonds, returning spades. This removes a necessary re-entry from Dummy and game is prevented.

The Correct Method: Declarer establishes the club before opponents remove the last spade re-entry from Dummy. He leads King of clubs and continues playing clubs until Ace of clubs is forced. The Ace of spades now serves as a re-entry to establish the remaining clubs. The diamonds are thereafter played and game is assured.

The Principle: Establish a suit in Dummy before opponents remove the last necessary re-entry.

The Very Idea!

Richard Clifford, metal worker, of Admington-square, Worcester Park, a playing member of the Edgell Football Club, pleaded guilty at Croydon County Police-court recently, to assaulting Frederick C. Partleton, Burton-road, Tooting, secretary of the Littleton Athletic Club, at South Lodge Farm, Mitcham. He was fined 40s., with one guinea costs.

Mr. R. C. M. Helliwell, prosecuting for the Surrey County Football Association, said that the association had authorised action to be taken to show players that to assault a spectator was not only something with which the association could deal, but was an offence against the law.

During the match in the Wimbledon Charity Cup Competition, added Mr. Helliwell, a foul was given against Clifford. Some of the spectators took exception to his play, and a most regrettable remark was made by one of them. Clifford went up to the spectators, and instead of striking the man who had made the remark, struck Partleton a blow which sent him to the ground senseless. Afterwards, Clifford expressed regret.

The late Dr. W. G. Grace was once asked to play a game against a local club in Gloucestershire for some charitable object.

The wicket-keeper of the opposing side was rather above the average local player, and he had made up his mind to stump the Doctor if possible. The first ball of the over Grace missed, and the wicket-keeper, whipping off the balls cried, "How's that?"

Dr. Grace was preparing to return to the pavilion, but to the wicket-keeper's dismay, the umpire remarked—"Very smart, very smart, indeed. But don't let me catch you doing that again. These people came to see Dr. Grace, but not to see you keep wicket."

[To many children, we are informed, there is something beautiful in mere noise.]

Son Thomas, when I have observed you at play, I've often lamented the choice that led you to noisily hammer a tray. And yell at the top of your voice. I murmur no more since it shows, I am told, The passion for beauty you keep. Though I sigh at the cynical view that you hold, That beauty is only din deep.

To-day's Ghost Story—"Thirty-five years ago I was living in an early Nineteenth Century house on the borders of Westmorland and Lancashire. My bedroom door when open shielded the head of my bed. One night I was awakened by apparently giant arms grasping me round the body and hurling me violently to the floor. Had I got back into bed without striking a light I might have imagined I had had a bad form of nightmare, only that my ribs were still sore the next morning.

"On lighting my candle, however, I saw to my amazement that each article of my bedclothes had been laid with meticulous accuracy one above another—not a corner awry—right across the doorway, effectually precluding the possibility of tripping in that direction. The window, which was twenty feet from the ground, was closed, and the dressing table in front of it undisturbed."

The other day a friend, an Inspector of Schools, related an amusing personal experience, writes a London Morning Post correspondent. He paid what is known as a "pop visit" to a certain denominational school in his area. This was one of those schools conducted by devoted ladies of a religious teaching order.

When the inspector got to the school about 11 o'clock in the morning he was surprised to see all the children on their knees in prayer. This was long after the time allotted to religious teaching.

The teacher turned round and saw the inspector, but she acted promptly. Knocking her desk, she said—"Children, you may rise. Your prayer is answered. The inspector has arrived."

"Daddy," said little Bobby, coming to the word "chauffeur" on his reading book, "what does this word mean?"

"It is what they call a man who drives a motor car," replied father.

Bobby was silent for a time, and then he sidled up to his parent again.

"Daddy," he half-whispered, "that isn't what you called that motor driver who nearly knocked us down yesterday?"

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS.

INTERESTING DISCOURSE BY SIR HENRY POLLOCK.

"Christianity as taught by Christ" was the subject of an interesting address given by Sir Henry Pollock to members of the Church of England Men's Society at the Cathedral Hall yesterday evening. Professor L. Forster presided.

At the outset Professor Forster expressed pleasure at having Sir Henry to address the Society. He recalled the last occasion when Sir Henry delivered an address two years ago. Since that time Sir Henry had had an enforced period of inactivity and the speaker congratulated him on his recovery. During his convalescence Sir Henry was able to think out his position and give the Society the benefit of his thoughts.

In part Sir Henry said: My excuse, if excuse be needed, for preparing the paper which I am about to read to you is due to my firm conviction of the fact that the peoples of the world are drifting, nationally and internationally towards disaster. This is not merely my own individual opinion, for it is shared by many others and notably by Dean Inge, the Rev. Mr. Sheppard, Sir Valentine Chirol and Sir Philip Gibbs.

In an article which appeared in the *Nineteenth Century*, a few years since (I think in February 1925), the Marquis of Salisbury wrote:

Want of Harmony.

"Unsettledness is the note of the present time; unsettledness in politics, religion, ethics, economics, industry, international relations, conduct of life and convictions of the soul, that is to say in all the bases on which human society rests."

The same unsettledness, and want of harmony and selfishness in the world which the Marquis of Salisbury then deplored remains still with us now.

And here let me preface my remarks upon the deductions which I draw from the Gospels as to the essentials of Christianity as taught by Christ by saying that a very intensive study of the essential reliability of the narratives told in those Gospels taken as a whole.

Another conclusion which I have come to is that the Gospels give us a very definite idea of the character and teaching of Christ and that at least 95 per cent. of that teaching is quite easy for anybody to understand, easy to understand but not easy to practice. The other five per cent. we need not worry about.

Christianity Being Rejected.

Unfortunately a great many people, professing Christians, reject Christianity, without attempting to find out seriously from a study of the Gospels what it amounts to and without even attempting to make up their minds as to whether it is a good or bad scheme of life.

Just on this last point, it is interesting to note that Mr. Bernard Shaw, though not believing in the divinity of Christ, states emphatically (in his preface to "Androcles and the Lion") that the teaching of Christ is both good sense and sound economics.

It must also be clearly borne in mind that, although Christ did not anywhere teach that He came into the world by process of a Virgin Birth, He did teach clearly (1) that He was the son of God, became incarnate in human form and (2) that His acts and teachings on earth had the divine sanction of God.

Two Misconceptions.

The theory of salvation by the blood of Christ seems to be based upon two misconceptions, namely:

1. The idea, based upon the Jewish custom of the sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb at the passover, that Christ offered himself up as a sacrifice for sin.

If that were really so, then we could safely eliminate the whole of the Sermon on the Mount and with it seven-eighths of the teaching in the Gospels as to the necessity for mankind to live a righteous life.

2. The other misconception is due to a mistaken interpretation of the words of John III, 16 and 17, which reads, "God so loved the world that He gave His Only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent not His Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him."

What does believing on Christ mean? and what does the world being saved through Him mean? Surely these words must mean having absolute trust and confidence in His example and in His sayings so as to adopt them as our rule of life.

Two Essential Miracles.

Speaking of the miracles Sir Henry said: It is absolutely es-

sential to a belief in Christianity as taught by Christ that we should believe in at least two miracles:—

1. His being born on earth in human form although the Son of God.

2. The second miracle in which it is necessary for us to believe is the miracle of His Resurrection.

But I would personally go further than this. To me it seems that the numerous miracles of healing recorded in the Gospels are so closely interwoven with the main thread of the narrative that it is impossible to reject them. On this point I should like to read a short quotation from Seeley's "Eccle Homo," the 1866 Edition, at page 10:—

"For some of the Evangelical Miracles, there is a concurrence of evidence which, when fairly considered, is very great indeed; for example, for the Resurrection, for the appearance of Christ to St. Paul, for the general fact that Christ was a miraculous healer of disease. The evidence by which these facts are supported cannot be tolerably accounted for by any hypothesis except that of their being true," and in his preface to "Androcles and the Lion" regarding the credibility of miracles Mr. Bernard Shaw says:

Bernard Shaw's Arguments.

"There is as much evidence that miracles occurred as there is that the battle of Waterloo occurred. The reasons for believing in the murder of Pompey are the same as the reasons for believing in the raising of Lazarus. Both have been believed and doubted by men of equal intelligence. Miracles in the senses of phenomena we cannot explain, surround us on every hand; life itself is the miracle of miracles. The sense of events that violate the normal course of our experience are vouchsafed for every day; the flourishing Church of Christ Scientist is founded on a multitude of such miracles. Nobody believes all the miracles: everybody believes some of them. I cannot tell why men who will not believe that Jesus ever existed, yet believe firmly that Shakespeare was Bacon."

Speaking of the power of healing which was delegated by Christ, the speaker said that some people would say, "I can believe that God can send relief in answer to prayer, to a person suffering from mental trouble, but I cannot believe that He can mend broken bones or rather I cannot believe that He can mend broken bones any faster than a skilled surgeon can get them to join up and mend."

Belief in Medical Science.

To me, said Sir Henry, I must confess that this latter proposition seems to limit the healing powers of God beyond all warrant and reason and to run altogether counter to the healing miracles in Scripture, which lay down one essential only, namely sufficient faith.

Moreover, if the standard of power of God to heal broken bones within a certain time is to be measured by the skill of the most skillful surgeon of the day, then we are driven to the absurd dilemma that God is more powerful to heal bones at the present day than He was in the days of William the Conqueror, when surgery was comparatively in a very backward state. Or again, we are forced to limit God's power to heal in a particular case in accordance with the limits of the skill of the particular surgeon who is called in to deal with that particular case.

Sir Henry's Views.

Before, however, I close my remarks upon miracles, I should like to add that I personally should not dream of rejecting either the services of a skilled physician or surgeon or the use of drugs, or the use of anaesthetics, for I hold that all the wonderful discoveries and inventions of modern science

QUARREL BETWEEN PARTNERS.

REMARKABLE ALLEGATIONS BY PLAINTIFF.

JEWELLERY BUSINESS.

Alleging that he had been assaulted by his partner who forcibly took various articles from him, including a bunch of keys, and that he was confined in a room guarded by his partner's wife, Mr. K. C. Williams, of Williams and Company, Jewellers, living at No. 6, Gresson Street, Wanchai, sued Mr. A. G. James, No. 30 Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the Summary Court this morning before the Justice of the Peace (Mr. Justice Wood), for \$500 being the value of personal effects, and also \$350 being a share in the business. Effects worth \$236 had been returned, reducing that part of the claim to \$264.

Both parties are Chinese, the plaintiff conducting his own case and Mr. Horace Lo appearing for the defendant.

In evidence, Mr. Williams said he had a shop at No. 30 Nathan Road, until February 27, this year. He went to Canton on February 23 leaving defendant, who was a sleeping partner, in charge of the business. He left on the premises two boxes containing various articles which were locked. Plaintiff returned on February 27, went to the shop, opened one of his boxes and changed his clothes.

Hit Him On the Nose.

Defendant then hit him on the nose, causing it to bleed, and forcibly took a bunch of keys, a pass to go on board Blue Funnel boats, some papers and \$320 in money. Plaintiff said he was kept in the room until about half past eight at night, defendant's wife keeping guard at the door.

Plaintiff added that the boxes were broken open in Mr. Lo's office but some articles were missing. These included important letters and personal jewellery.

Plaintiff denied that he had not kept the books properly, admitted that all he put into the business was his "well known and valuable name," and denied that he failed to record sales in the books.

Mr. Lo handed to plaintiff a letter written in Chinese, together with a translation. Plaintiff denied the correctness of the translation, and translated it himself to the following effect: that the whole stock of Williams and Company belonged to the defendant and he (plaintiff) had no property in the business. Plaintiff stated he was forced to write that letter by the defendant.

Mr. Lo put it to plaintiff that his story of being kept in the room was a lie and that the reason he went to Canton was because the business was not as successful as it was made out to be and he left in a panic. These points were denied by the plaintiff.

Defendant said he was not in possession of plaintiff's keys. He admitted that the plaintiff left two boxes in the shop, but denied taking anything out of them.

Pointing out that it was one man's word against another, his Lordship remarked that plaintiff had told a very curious story. Under the circumstances, he would give judgment for the defendant with costs.



"There's that chap that wanted to take me home from the party the other night. Leave the chit on the table and I'll speak to him."

CONSTERNATION IN SWATOW.

RED ADVANCE CAUSES SOME ALARM.

COMMUNISTS SEIZE TWO MARKET TOWNS.

TROOPS AMBUSHED.

Swatow, Apr. 13. The Fungshun Communists, who have been causing so much disturbance around Thonghang, and who recently ambushed the Government troops sent against them, have crossed the district towards the Han River, and raided two markets, that of Yung-Kim and the town of Liu-ng, on the river.

The news when it arrived caused some consternation in Chaochowfu and Swatow, for Liu-ng is only twenty miles up the river from Chaochowfu.

Communications on the river were cut, and speculation was for a time rife since there was some uncertainty as to which body of Communists had brought off the coup.

Troops Caught Napping.

It now appears that the Fungshun organisation, finding itself uncomfortably pressed by the soldiers sent up to deal with them, took that route as a way out. The soldiers seem to have been caught napping, but as soon as the news came in that Yung-Kim had been looted, all available men were sent off from Thonghang and district in pursuit.

It seems likely therefore that the Communists will not be able to delay in Liu-ng, especially as a small force was immediately despatched up the river to deal with them. They are said to have crossed the river and may attempt to find their way into Thai-pu where there are already districts where Communism is latent.

Their objective may be eventually to join force with those under Generals Tau and Mo, which are still unaccounted for in the borders of Kiangai; it seems unlikely that they are either equipped or armed for a long trek, however.

Military Aid Asked.

How many they have left behind there is still no news to show. Their numbers are estimated at eight hundred men, but only a small proportion of these are armed with guns.

The two markets which they looted had only small police forces to withstand them, and at Liu-ng the defenders could only fire a few shots and then make themselves scarce: while the members of the Local Government Board took a launch down to Chaochowfu to ask for help from the military.

While there is this local rising with which to deal, the general commanding the Eastern District, General Hsu King-long, has received orders to send troops to the borders of the province to assist the force from Fokien which is dealing with the Communist army under Generals Tau and Mo.

It would seem, therefore, as if that force were still a considerable menace.

Underground Propaganda.

The Communist underground pro-

(Continued on Page 8.)

VETERAN SEAMEN'S LEADER.

MR. J. HAVELOCK WILSON PASSES AWAY.

INDOMITABLE WILL.

London, Apr. 16. The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Havelock Wilson, the well-known seamen's leader. *Reuter.* Joseph Havelock Wilson, who accomplished the herculean task of organising the seamen, was born in Sunderland in Aug., 1859, and apprenticed to a printer, but ran away to sea. Before he was 20 he began to agitate for better conditions for sailors and in 1887 founded the National Union of Seamen. By that time he had left the sea and was running a restaurant business of his own, as this gave him a better chance of organising. In view of the fact that the men were usually away at sea, success seemed impossible. The shipowners ignored his growing power for a time and then took alarm at his invincible progress. This brought the Shipping Federation into being in 1890. Then began a desperate struggle for mastery.

Once in Gaol.

For 25 years, the strongest organisation in the world, with its equally powerful press, contested the ground with the indomitable Wilson, who frequently found himself in the law courts and on one occasion in gaol. Again and again he extricated himself from critical positions. The efforts of his opponents to keep him out of Parliament only caused him to be elected with larger majorities and made him a more determined foe.

As an open-air speaker he put every other Labour leader in the shade. His aims were the recognition of the Union, the settlement of disputes round the table and better pay, food and accommodation for seamen. Eventually the Federation recognised the Union in 1912. Thus, when the war came, the nation had a contented and patriotic merchant marine under a great leader and without this Britain could not have survived.

Wilson made many mistakes, but some of them were imposed on him by his Union; notably the attempt to force officers into it. The Union was very costly to run, as it had to have full-time officials. It accepted foreign members, otherwise the shipowners would have employed them to the exclusion of British seamen, as indeed they did. Wilson also founded branches abroad.

Persistent Persecution.

While he was an M.P., his enemies drove him into the Bankruptcy Court so that he might have to resign his seat, but on this and three other occasions when attempts were made to have him declared a bankrupt he came out triumphant. The shipowners bought up the debts of the Union's branches with a view to stamping it out, so it was decided to anticipate compulsory liquidation by voluntary liquidation. Thus the Union died, but was at once revived under a slightly different name.

In those days, Wilson's salary was £3-10-0, when he got it, but often he and his colleague Cathery divided £2-10-0 between them. Nevertheless the shipping papers were declaring that he was living in luxury at the seamen's expense. There was in fact no case of such persistent persecution as that to which Wilson was exposed.

He sat for Middlesbrough from 1892 to 1900 and from 1906 to 1910 and for South Shields from 1918 to 1922 as a Liberal-Labour M.P. He did not hold with the new political type of Trade Unionism. His Union cut adrift from politics in the summer of 1927 and since then its income has increased by £1,000 a week. In view of the fact that it had supported and financed the Miners' Non-Political Union and other organisations "opposed to the principles laid down by the Trades Union Congress" the latter expelled it from membership in September, 1928.

World-Wide Testimonial.

Wilson had decided to retire from the Presidency of his Union in 1928, but in response to urgent appeals he agreed to continue, chiefly because the Transport Workers' Union under Ernest Bevin had announced a campaign to wipe out the Seamen's Union and get its members back into the T.U.C. fold. Referring to this in a speech in October, 1928, Wilson said that, if any Union had purged the Labour movement of blacklegs, it was the Seamen's Union. He reminded Bevin that the shipowners had tried to kill it but had eventually realised the hopelessness of the task. In 1928 a testimonial fund totalling several thousand pounds and contributed to by seamen all over the world was raised for the veteran leader.

For his services during the war Wilson was made a C.B.E., while in 1922 he was created a Companion of Honour.

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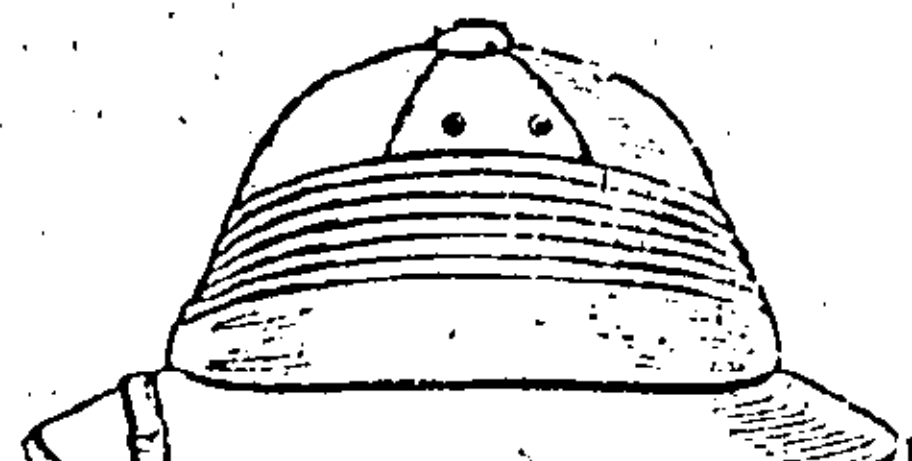
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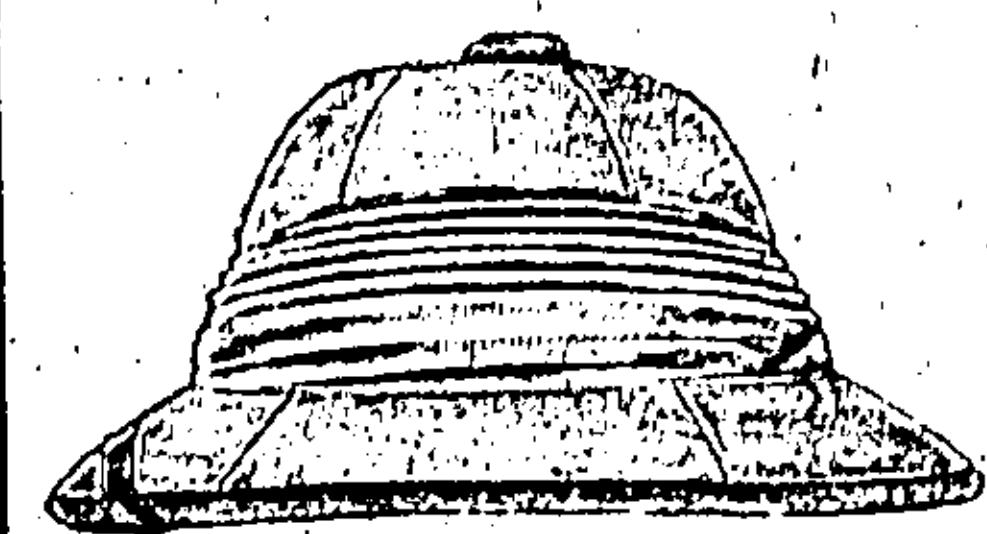


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CANTON BILLIARDS.

NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED.

A Billiards Association has just been formed in Canton. The first meeting was held a few days ago in the Canton Masonic Club when the following were present:—Mr. C. E. Watson, in the chair; Messrs. Jas. Carnegie, Jr., and D. Latimer, representing the Canton Club; W. Roland Farmer, H. W. Howell and S. Lillierap, representing the Canton Masonic Club; F. M. Ozorio and A. E. Osmund, representing the Club Lusitano; J. Mahood, representing the Customs Club; Wong Po-keung and Li Man-sik, representing the Returned Students Club and the Canton Citizens Club; J. H. Lockwood, L. K. Chiu and T. S. Wong, representing the Y.M.C.A.

"Findlater Cup."

Mr. Watson, addressing the meeting, stated that a very fine cup had been received from Messrs. Findlater, Mackie & Todd, Ltd., through Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., their Hongkong agents, and through Mr. S. Lillierap, who represented them in Canton. This cup was to be put up for an amateur billiard championship and to be known as the "Findlater Cup." The cup was presented through the Canton Masonic Club who were asked to arrange the formation of a Billiards Association in Canton who would take care of all the details in connection with the running of the tournament annually. Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., had stated that they would present a replica of the cup each year to the winner. The Chairman then proposed that a Billiards Association be formed; Mr. W. Roland Farmer seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Officials.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee:—Messrs. A. Hoffmeister, President of the Canton Masonic Club, as President of the Association; Messrs. Li Man-sik and C. E. Watson as Vice-Presidents; Mr. D. Latimer as Honorary Secretary; Mr. W. Roland Farmer as Honorary Treasurer; J. T. Smith (Tungshan Recreation Club); Jas. Carnegie, Jr. (Canton Club); F. M. Ozorio (Club Lusitano); J. Mahood (Customs Club); L. K. Chiu (Y.M.C.A.); Wong Po-keung (other City Clubs); S. Lillierap (Canton Masonic Club and the Donors); and one representative from the Canton Royal Naval Canton.

The Association to be known as the Canton Amateur Billiards Association. The first championship is to be arranged immediately and will be open to all amateur players in Canton, whether they are members of any Club, Association, or not. The entrance fee is to be \$1 for students, naval or military (non-commissioned ranks), and \$2 for all others.

The cup must be won three times in succession or five times in all to be won outright. The replica of the cup will be presented to the winner each year by Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., of Hongkong. Mr. Wong Po-keung has promised another cup for the runner-up, and Mr. Jas. Carnegie, Jr., has promised a cup for the highest break.

The winner is to play right through the tournament each year should he be desirous of defending his title. There shall be no challenge round or match.

The Rules.

The London Billiards Association Rules will govern the play. Preliminary rounds to be 500 up; Semi-finals to be 750 up; and Finals to be 1,000 up in two sessions of 500 each.

Representatives of the Committee are to inspect all tables offered for play and draw up a list of those they consider suitable. Competitors will then arrange to play on any of these tables, but it must be a neutral table for the preliminary rounds. The semi-finals and finals to be played as arranged by the Committee. Balls to be composition. Our own Correspondent.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BURNLEY SECURE VALUABLE POINTS.

London, Apr. 16. In the First Division of the Football League, Burnley, playing at home, defeated Huddersfield by three goals to two.—*Reuter*.

FANLING HUNT.

EVENT FOR CHAMPION PONIES.

[By "Ringtail"].

Next Sunday will see the conclusion of the steeplechase meetings which have been conducted by the Fanling Hunt.

Good class entries have been received for the five events which figure on the programme, which consists of a dozen or more runners for each event.

The Steeplechase Champions, which is the principal race of the fixture, consists of 11 runners, of whom My Lady, Ace of Spades, Sunning, Erin's Isle, Caviare and Duke of Neblung are the pick. This event, run over a distance of 1½ miles, will be very interesting, as all the contenders will be in at weight for inches.

Quite a number of the ponies have been undergoing a thorough preparation for some time now, and, all being well, should strip in the pink of condition for Sunday's big meeting.

The railway authorities have arranged for a train to convey racegoers to Fanling. The train leaves at 1.50 and on arrival at Fanling will be met by a fleet of buses which will convey passengers to the Kwanti racecourse for a minimum fee.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a train leaves Fanling for the return journey at 5.57 and another one a little after 6 p.m.

A pari-mutuel booth will be in operation, where backers will have an opportunity of registering bets, in addition to the big one dollar members' sweep which will be held on the Champion Steeplechase.

A refreshment booth has been installed in the public enclosure. Free parking for motor cars has been arranged for, and cars may be parked on the course by payment of \$10.

The price of admission to the course is \$1 to the public enclosure and members must show their badges at the entrance gate to obtain admittance. The railway fare of \$2 covers transportation and admittance to the course. Soldiers and sailors in uniform will be admitted half-price to the public enclosure.

A TRADE MARK INFRINGED.

FAKED "OSRAM" BULBS SEIZED.

Before Major C. Willson this morning, the General Electric Co., Ltd., prosecuted the Kam Sing Electric Supply Co., Ltd., of No. 30, Wing Lok Street, for infringement of Osram trade mark on electric bulbs.

Mr. J. J. Armstrong, of Deacons, represented the complainants and stated that he understood from the defendant company that they pleaded guilty, and the General Electric Co. was willing to drop the case, provided the defendants surrendered the infringing articles to the complainants. He added that after the trade mark had been removed from the bulbs, they would be returned to defendants.

In all, said Mr. Armstrong, there was seized from the shop 186 large and 25 small packets of bulbs.

Major Willson registered a conviction and ordered that the bulbs be returned as suggested by Mr. Armstrong. He admonished the defendants and said that if they appeared in Court on the same charge again, they would be fined.

THE NEW BRITISH AIRSHIPS.

MAY BE IN SERVICE IN AUTUMN.

London, Apr. 16. The Secretary for Air stated in the House of Commons to-day that he hoped the airship R.100 would be able to fly to Canada and the R.101 to India some time during the autumn.—*British Wireles*.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central near the Bonins. Another appears to have developed to the North-West of Shanghai.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is—Light variable winds, freshening, from N.E.; fine to cloudy.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS.

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are part of the revelations of God to this fortunate modern age in which we live.

Accordingly I should no more dream of rejecting medical or surgical skill than I should of pulling the electric light wires out of the walls of my house or of refusing to listen to wireless.

A curious notion has got about that the main evidence as to Christ's divinity contained in the Gospels is confined to the statements of other people about Him, and that He never Himself really claimed to be the Son of God. Peter made this declaration which is recorded in Matthew XVI. 16: "Thou art the Christ, the son of the Living God."

The speaker went on to quote several passages in which our Lord claimed to be the Son of God, and in conclusion quoted Seelye who said: "During his whole public life, Christ is distinguished from the other prominent characters of Jewish history by His unbounded personal pretensions. He calls Himself habitually king and master. He claims expressly the character of that divine Messiah for which the ancient prophets had directed the nation to look."

Important Essentials.

One important preliminary essential of Christianity to remember is that it was preached by Christ as a rule of life for everybody, in every day life and everywhere and not as a way of life for a select few to be practised only on Sundays and Saints' days and in Church. It was a life to be lived by the average man and woman, a message addressed, as we are repeatedly reminded, in the Gospels, to the multitudes.

Certain broad general principles emerge from the teaching of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, coupled with the two commandments to love God with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength and all our mind and to love our neighbour as ourself, as explained by the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The General Principles.

Those principles are:

1. We must love our neighbour just as much as we love ourselves.
2. And we must remember that the term, "neighbour" includes everybody without distinction, even a chance stranger whom we may meet in difficulties by the wayside and those in want of food and clothing or sick, or poor, or maimed, or lame or blind.
3. We must treat everybody in exactly the same manner in which, if our respective positions were reversed, we should wish them to treat us.

4. We must not pursue our duties as Christians in a slack or half-hearted fashion, but must hunger and thirst after what is right and in the pursuit of right must be animated by a spirit of love to all and must forgive even our enemies and those who persecute us, not once only but unto seventy times seven.

5. Also we are to be pure in heart and to be peacemakers and to refrain from impure thoughts as well as from impure acts and to refrain from angry thoughts and words as well as from deeds of violence.

6. We must not lower the standard of thought, word and conduct enjoined by Christ but must remember that He urges us to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.

7. We must pray the Lord's prayer daily, asking not merely for daily bread but also for daily spiritual guidance from Christ who said "I am the bread of life."

8. In using the words "Our Father" we must remember that God is our Father and that all mankind are our brethren.

9. We must not merely pray that "God's kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven" but must also do our best to make that petition of ours come true by service for our fellow-men.

10. We must not be like the Scribes and Pharisees who "say and do not."

11. We must not worry about piling up money or about food or clothing or be anxious about the morrow, but we must ask first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

12. We must keep a check upon our judgment and criticism of others, remembering that the mote which we see in our brother's eye is very likely the reflection of the beam in our own eye. All criticism must be constructive and given in a kindly spirit.

13. We must not be afraid of asking God in prayer for what we want, because our heavenly Father will give good things to them that ask Him.

14. We must enter in at the narrow gate and not take the broad and easy way of selfishness.

15. We must bear in mind that it is not sufficient to address Christ as "Lord" but that we must do the will of His Father in heaven by following the teaching of Christ, and then shall we be like the wise man who built his house upon a rock.

CONSTERNATION IN SWATOW.

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paganda continues all the time. In a market in Kit-yang district, where Communism has been so far kept out, the newly-organised Local Government Board carried out a round-up of suspects a few nights ago, and after examining a number of strangers who were spending the night there found that two of the number were active Communists.

One had been concerned in a kidnapping case last year and was recognised by the man he had captured, and who had subsequently been ransomed. This man was able to denounce him.

Another was found to have in his belongings an amount of literature, including lists of payments to the cause and bills ready for use when the Communist rising should be open.

It is only with the utmost difficulty that villages can secure their freedom from all commerce with the organisation, although it must be said that there is often extraordinarily minute and accurate information as to where police stations have been planted, and where it has not.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

15. We must (in conformity with the Parable of the Talents) use our time, money and brains in unselfish service for others.

16. We must not be impatient because our thoroughly well-intentioned efforts and prayers do not immediately produce visible results but must be content to "bring forth fruit with patience" and to "possess our souls in patience." Some really good people are apt to get impatient with God.

17. And in order to accomplish the above programme which is mainly taken from the Sermon on the Mount, we must follow Christ's example of constant prayer and His example of earnest prayer and His example of a forgiving prayer even when He was on the Cross.

Young Men's Neglect.

And, while speaking of Prayer, I intend to include of course, the constant attendance at Holy Communion, attendance at which service should be regarded as a solemn renewal of our covenant with God to do our best in the service of others.

I have been told that some young men, when they come out here from home, abandon the habit of prayer. If that be so, it is a great pity. If Christ Himself, when He was in human form on this earth and subject to human temptations, could not safely give up prayer, assuredly the rest of us cannot afford to do so.

One very curious reason which has been given for not practicing Christianity is that it is rather a weak and sloppy sort of religion—the sort of religion that is appropriate for anaemic or elderly people and clergymen to follow. Well! all that need be said in answer to that is that any strong worldly man, just as a tonic, had better try to carry out the rules laid down in the Sermon on the Mount and in Luke X. 27 for any three months, before he says again that the practice of Christianity is such a soft and easy job.

Thought-Control.

And now, if you will kindly bear with me for a few minutes, I should like to add a few remarks on the subject of thought-control as an essential of Christianity.

It is, I believe, now being increasingly recognised by acute observers that the influence of our thoughts upon others either for good or for evil, is far greater than we have hitherto suspected or imagined.

Thought-control is important from the point of view of peaceful prayer and meditation and of forgiving our enemies and restraining uncharitable or critical thoughts about others and generally cultivating peace, purity, mercy and patience in our hearts.

Nowadays anybody who stands up for his principles instead of weakly submitting to compromise is promptly denounced as a die-hard. Such is the post-war morality and slackness and lack of fibre to which we have become reduced. In this connexion it may be well to point out that Christ Himself was judged by such a standard, one of the die-hards of His day, for He refused to have any compromise whatever with the chief priests and the Scribes and Pharisees.

No consideration of world expediency or of relief from coming persecutions and sufferings availed to turn Christ from His unsparing denunciation of these hypocrites and humbugs and anybody who is under the mistaken impression that Christ was a soft-spoken glosser over of unpleasant facts will do well to study in full His uncompromising denunciations of the hypocrites of the Scribes and Pharisees as set forth in the 23rd Chapter of St. Matthew, and selfish indulgence. We must realise that every form of selfishness is sin.

After summing up his address the meeting discussed several points in the lecture after which Sir Henry was accorded a vote of thanks by the chairman.

CONSTRUCTION CO. ECONOMIES.

THE DEPRECIATION CHARGES EXPLAINED.

SOUNDER POSITION.

The reason for the high depreciation charges in the balance sheet of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., were outlined at the annual meeting of the Company, held at the office of Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co. this morning, by Mr. R. G. Shawan, who presided.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. J. Scott Harston (Directors), and Mr. J. Buchanan (acting Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. M. Fernandes, T. D. Chanatong, A. A. Botelho, M. A. Figueiredo, M. A. Gomes, G. Grimble and C. Stratford.

Economies Effected.

Addressing the shareholders, Mr. Shawan said:—Gentlemen,—As copies of the report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1928, have been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose with your approval to take them as read.

We have strictly carried out our policy of economies, but we could not, of course, do it all at once and there are still reductions to be made, the benefit of which will only be felt in this present year. But we have succeeded in making reductions which have brought down our general charges from about \$6,100 per month to \$3,800 per month, which means a saving of some \$2,300 per month or over \$27,000 per annum, and we shall make a further saving of about \$800 per month during the latter part of this year.

In spite of all this, we regret that the balance for 1928 is still on the reverse side and represents a loss of \$28,561.55 for the year. But this loss is arrived at after allowing \$50,746.47 for depreciation and is therefore a substantial improvement on 1927 which showed a loss of \$52,029.93, including only \$27,078.23 for depreciation; that is, ignoring depreciation, the gross profit for 1928 is \$22,194.92 against a loss of \$24,951.70 an improvement of \$47,136.62.

Liquid Position Better.

Our cash position is about \$10,000 lower than at same time last year, but against this we have remitted some \$10,000 to Shanghai and expended a further \$16,000 on the three new Franki Piling sets, in addition to about \$14,000 on new garages and stores at our depot in Kowloon. The liquid position of the Company is also about \$34,000 better than last year.

Besides this, we have practically re-valued building, plant, and machinery, and written off some \$33,000 to cover the lower valuation.

You may say:—Why is so much depreciation necessary? Well, our auditors think it advisable to put these items which were in the nature of preliminary expenses, incurred in creating the Franki Piling business at Shanghai, and the loss entailed in training men for our pipe-making factory and the consequent loss in spoil and damaged pipes during the process, on a safer footing, and we have therefore written off \$10,000 from the former and \$2,800 from the latter item. Both of these branches of our business are now in a sound position.

To meet the demand at Shanghai, where our Franki Piling is much liked, as it is specially suited to the soft nature of the soil there, we ordered three new sets of the piling equipment, and here in Hongkong we have had two sets going almost continuously. As for our centrifugal pipes, they are now well established on this market and are a great improvement in every way on the old glazed earthenware article.

Owing to the disturbed state of affairs in the North we have not been able to start work at Tientsin.

As to the question of reducing our capital and writing off the heavy losses incurred at the inception of this Company, this matter still remains in abeyance for the present.

Business Matters.

The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. George Grimble and carried.

On the proposal of Mr. A. A. Botelho, seconded by Mr. M. Fernandes, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. J. Scott Harston were re-elected Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$800 a year, on the proposal of Mr. T. D. Chanatong, seconded by Mr. M. A. Figueiredo.

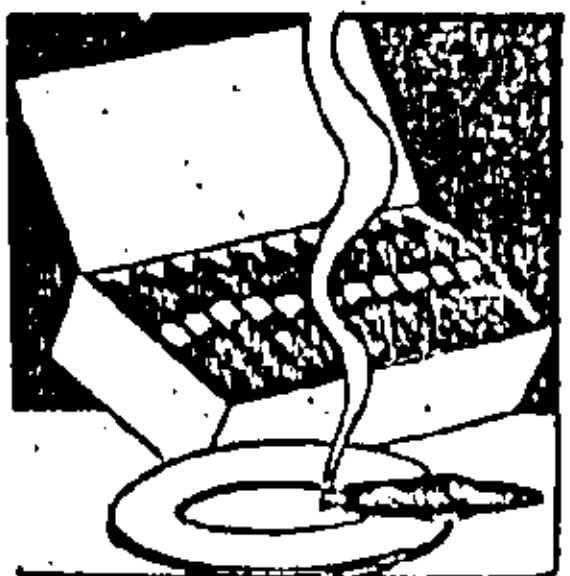


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KWANGSI DECISION.

BAN ON GAMBLING & OPIUM TO BE LIFTED.

The Kwangsi situation remains quiet and peaceful but full of grave possibilities, according to the latest Wuchow dispatch. It is rumoured that General Wang Shao-hung, military governor of Kwangsi province, intends to lift the ban on opium smoking and *fan fan* and other forms of gambling. It is stated that a syndicate of merchants has offered to pay the Government \$1,000,000 a month to farm out the monopoly to trade in opium in the province. There are two interpretations for this sudden move of the Kwangsi leaders. The first is the recent retirement into Kwangsi of a large number of Kwangsi forces from Kwangtung and Hupoh, necessitating huge sums for their maintenance. Secondly, it is conjectured that the Kwangsi leaders are exerting themselves to accumulate war funds in preparation for attacks from Kiangsi, Kwangtung and Hunan of the Nanking forces. The formal announcement of the lifting of the ban on opium and gambling is likely to be made in Wuchow this week or not later than the end of April.

Of the movements of the Kwangsi leaders, it is reliably learned that General Wang Shao-hung, Li Chung-yeu and Pei Chung-hai are all in the province, with the former spending his time between Nanking (the capital) and Wuchow.

It is apparent the leaders are undecided whether to pledge allegiance with the Nanking Government or make a final bid for supremacy. Much will depend on Wang Shao-hung, who was recently appointed by Nanking to be superintendent of disbandment in Kwangsi, a post tantamount to military dictator of the province. It is the opinion of many that if Wang Shao-hung accepts, the peace in South China will be assured.

The headquarters of the Eighth Route Command, which was the former military office of Marshal Li Ching-shun in Canton and was closed after Marshal Li's detention at Nanking, has been reopened at Wuchow under the supervision of Wang Shao-hung and Li Chung-yeu.

PLANT STRUCTURE.

RELATIONSHIP OF BOTANY AND MECHANICS.

Before the circle of the Hongkong University Engineering Society last evening, Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Ph.D., B.Sc., Reader in Biology at the University, delivered an interesting lecture on "The Mechanical Structures of Plants."

In the course of his lecture, Dr. Herklots said the mechanical structures of plants differed according to environment, but generally the living substance of a green plant was built up of water, carbo-hydrates and fats. In its simple or elementary form the living substance was a cell, composed of a foundation of what, for lack of a more appropriate term, he described as "sausages," the air spaces in between such sausages being knit together by tissues of varying strength. Rings of wood at the more advanced stage were those which gave to plants their upright position.

In a comparison of the leaves of respective plants, the lecturer showed, with the aid of photographic slides, how much leaves differed from those of such stately trees as the oak or cedar. Bunches of fibres characterised the grass-like plants, while in the case of water plants, the leaves were characterised by an absence of wood and of fibres, but had an abundance of air spaces.

Professor Middleton Smith, who presided over the gathering, called for a vote of thanks for the speaker at the conclusion of the lecture. In speculating on the possibilities of plants to the engineer, he regarded them as a perfect piece of mechanical invention. Pondering over the great age of plants, extending to 4,000 years in some cases, and the great height which they attained, he marvelled what suction pump that was in the tree which could excel the normal function of a mechanical pump, by drawing water to a height many hundred feet above the ground.

Dr. Herklots was heartily thanked at the close of the evening.

TRAFFIC CASES.

AN OBSTRUCTION IN STATUE SQUARE.

Following the result of the summons against Mr. Piddes Wilson for obstruction by parking his car in the bay entrance of the race-course enclosure, the chauffeur of private car No. 41, against whom a summons was also taken under similar circumstances, was brought up before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon and cautioned.

Mr. M. C. Choa was summoned for allowing his car to be driven by an unlicensed driver, the latter being indicated as a Miss Lee. He was fined \$5, and on accepting responsibility also in respect of a second summons for driving a car without a licence, was fined a further \$5.

In another case, the Acting C. S. P., Hon. Mr. T. H. King, appeared to prosecute the driver of public car No. 499 for causing an obstruction with his vehicle in Statue Square, on the afternoon of the 28th of last month.

Hon. Mr. King said that while proceeding through Statue Square, in his car, he came upon an obstruction caused by the parking of a number of public cars, too far out into the Square from the Charter Road stand. Defendant's car was one of those causing the obstruction. He was not present, and the services of another driver had to be requisitioned to push the car out of the way and clear the obstruction.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

The driver of car No. 987 was fined \$15 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton for failing to produce his licence when called upon to do so by an Indian constable. A second summons in respect of parking the vehicle outside Queen's Theatre was dismissed. Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defence.

KWANGSI SILVER.

LOW EXCHANGE AFFECTS FOOD PRICES IN WUCHOW.

The prevalence of rumours of the possibility of Nanking troops attacking from Kiangsi and war with Kwangtung have had the effect of depreciating Kwangsi bank notes and silver coins, the values of which have dropped to something like \$100 Kwangsi money to about \$50.00 (H.K.) or even less. According to travellers who arrived recently from Wuchow, the low exchange has caused a great increase in food prices.

A few days ago there was a meeting among the Kwangsi native bankers at Kweilin, and resolutions were adopted whereby the merchants will petition the government to supply a certain amount of silver to the government bank in Kweilin with the view to restoring Kwangsi notes to their former footing. The authorities have also been requested to publish notifications assuring the people of the continuance of peace and tranquillity.

Likewise the shipping companies are much affected by the state of uncertainty which prevails. There has been a great decrease in goods and passengers on the Wuchow-Canton steamers on account of the fact that Kwangsi troops in the West River districts have returned to the province to guard the Hunan-Kwangsi frontiers. The merchants and travellers are apprehensive of a recrudescence of bandit and pirate activities at one time so common in West River districts. Some of the Canton-Wuchow steamers have had to suspend sailing on account of the very small amount of cargo and few passengers.

HSIN WAH VICTIM?

REMAINS OF A CHINESE WASHED ASHORE.

The body of a Chinese was yesterday found on the north coast of Cape D'Agullar, which is about a quarter of a mile from the spot where the ill-fated Hsin Wah sank with considerable loss of life some weeks ago.

The body is in an advanced stage of decomposition, the forearms and the legs below the knees being missing. When found, the body was clothed in blue and white check clothing, and attached to it was part of a standard life belt. In the pockets were found a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles, a pocket book, Chinese cash and a seal chop. Provided that the articles have not suffered badly by their long immersion, it may be possible to establish the man's identity when the articles have been received at the Water Police Station.

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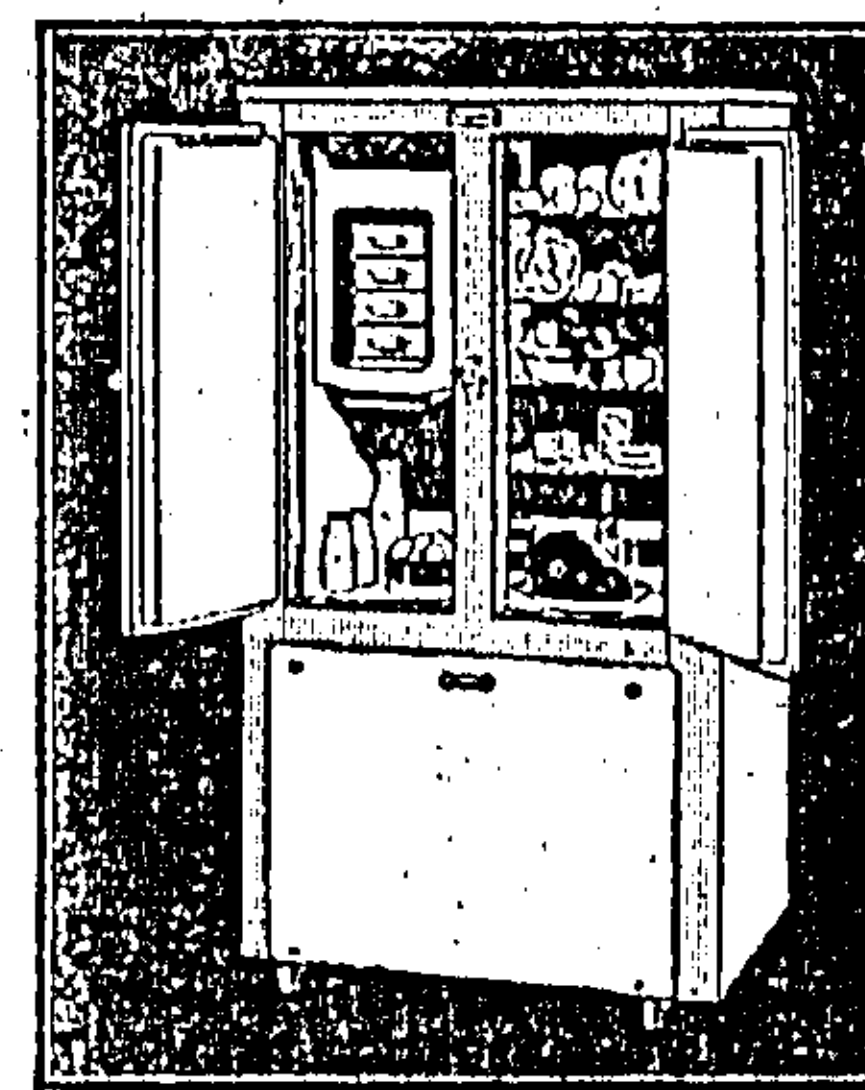
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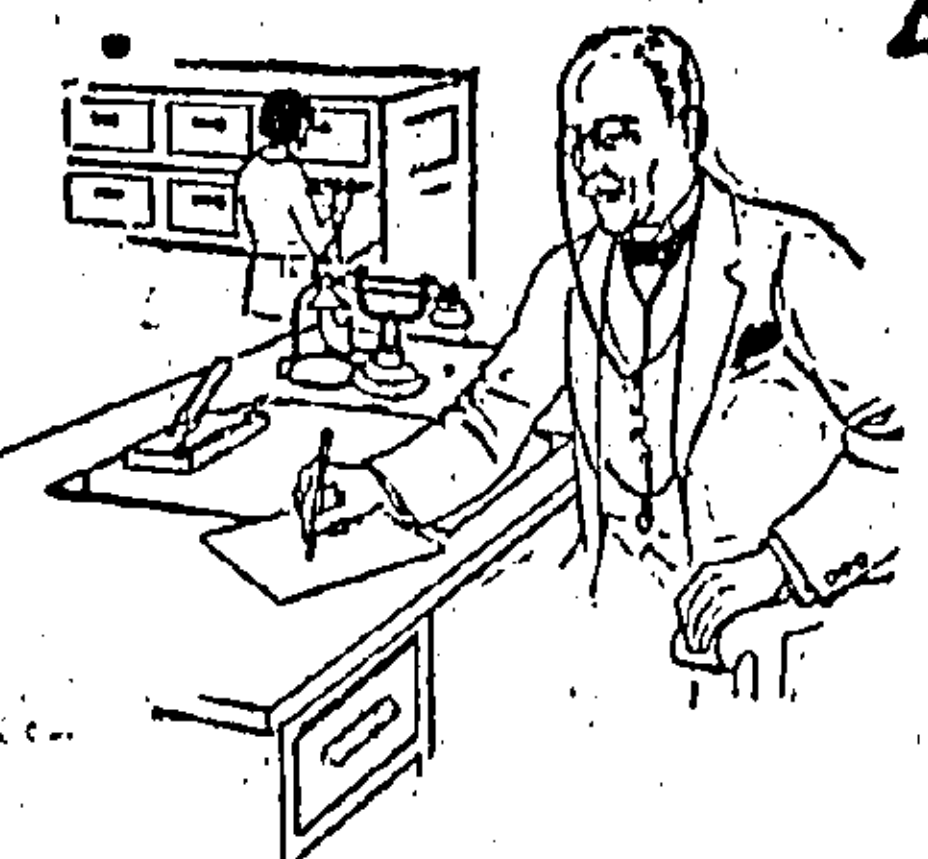
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"Suite Française," (Foulds),
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Tenor, Derek Oldham.

"La Campanella," (Paganini-Liszt),
"Staccato Etude," (Rubinstein),
Pianoforte Solo, Mischa Levitzki.

"My Blue Heaven,"
"Because I Love You,"
Comedienne, Gracie Fields.

"Tannhauser," (Wagner), Overture,
Albert Coates and Symphony Orch.

"The Masteringers of Nuremberg,"
Albert Coates and Symphony Orch.

"The Song is Ended," (Berlin),
"Just A Memory," (Henderson),
Duet, Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham.

"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6," (Liszt),
Pianoforte Solo, Mischa Levitzki.

"Songs of Ireland,"
"Songs of Scotland,"
H.M.V. Light Opera Company.

"Sombre Woods," (Lully),
"Down Here," (Brahms),
Bass, Manuel Hemingway.

"Oh! You Have No Idea,"
"How About Me?"
Comedienne, Gracie Fields.

"Absent," (Metalf),
"I Hear A Thrush At Eve,"
Tenor, Derek Oldham.

"Land of Hope and Glory," (Elgar),
"Doge's March," (Rossi),
Organ Solo, Reginald Foort.

"Czar Sultan—Suite No. 3,"
London Symphony Orchestra.

"Sigh No More Ladies," (Stevens),
"I'll Sing These Songs of Araby,"
(Clay),
Tenor, Derek Oldham.

10.10 p.m. News bulletin.
"Unfinished Symphony in B Minor,"
(Schubert),
The Royal Opera Orchestra
Covent Garden.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

AN ARMED ROBBERY.

MEN PRETEND TO INSPECT
ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Robbers succeeded in gaining entrance to the second floor of No. 66, Parkas Street, at about ten o'clock yesterday morning, and after binding and gagging the two women occupants got away with jewellery and money to the total value of \$233.

According to a report made by Wong Ah-ng, who lives at that address, she was washing clothes when she heard someone knock at the door. The amah, who was the only other occupant of the floor and who was in the kitchen, opened the door to admit three men, one of whom had a dagger, who stated that they had come to inspect the electric lights.

After looking at the lights one of them said "All right" after which they seized Wong Ah-ng, bound and gagged her with wire and wood, and threatened to kill her if she made a noise. They placed her on a bed and covered her with a blanket.

She later heard sounds of other people entering the room, and afterwards learned that the noises were caused by the robbers taking the amah into the room, she having also been bound and gagged.

She heard the men ransacking the place, and a quarter of an hour after they had left she was uncovered by the amah. When released she went to the verandah and raised the alarm.

SURRENDER OFFER.

ORDER TO SUBJUGATE
WUHAN REMNANTS.

Hankow, Apr. 16.

Representatives arrived last evening from Tao Chun and Hu Tsung-tao offering to surrender. It is understood the move was actuated by the advance of Chang Fat-kwai's "Ironside" from Wuhan under orders from Chiang Kai-shek to subjugate the Wuhan remnants. Further, the Generalissimo has instructed Ho Chien to drive out all the Kwangsi troops from Hunan and it is generally expected that Hupeh and Hunan will be completely under the dominance of the Central Government very soon.—*Reuter*.

Chang Fat-kwai Involved.

Hankow, Apr. 16.

It is reported that fighting has broken out between Shai and Ichang between Chang Fat-kwai's forces and those of Hu Tsung-tao.

Hitherto there are no details.
Henceforth upper-river boats will proceed under a naval convoy.—*Reuter*.

WORLD'S SHIPPING.

LATEST FIGURES GIVEN IN
LLOYD'S REGISTER.

London, Apr. 16.
The revival of shipbuilding is indicated in Lloyd's Register of Shipping, showing that there were 1,357,000 tons under construction in Great Britain and Ireland on March 31, and 1,480,000 tons abroad, being increases of 114,000 and 105,000 respectively, compared with December 31.

The figures for Great Britain and Ireland comprise 200,000 tons for the British Dominions and 188,000 tons for sale or for foreign shipowners.

The tonnage commenced in Great Britain and Ireland is 302,000 a decrease of 69,000 compared with December 31, and 289,000 launched; while abroad 298,000 tons were commenced and 214,000 launched.

Tanker tonnage under construction is 231,000, showing a further reduction.

The tonnage of motor-ships under construction in Great Britain and Ireland is 537,000, and abroad 862,000.—*Reuter*.

MISSIONARY KILLED.

WHILST ON EVANGELISTIC
TOUR IN KWEICHOW.

Peking, Apr. 16.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission at Kweiyang reports receiving despatches from Huangsaopu in the South West corner of Kweichow, that the American missionary, Rev. Herbert K. Smith, has been killed. Details regarding the circumstances are lacking. The United States Consul at Hankow is making investigations. Mr. Smith was on an evangelistic tour of the province from Kweiyang.—*Reuter*.

COLLISION IN JAPAN.

FORTY CASUALTIES IN
A CAR SMASH.

Osaka, Apr. 16.

Cherry blossoms continue to exact human tolls. Again this morning there were forty casualties reported as the result of a collision between suburban cars near Arashiyama, Kyoto, noted for its cherry blossoms and beautiful river.—*Reuter*.

A FISH CONTRACT.

CASE AGAINST SILVA NETTO
COMPANY SETTLED.

The case in which Messrs. Silva Netto and Company, Alexandria Building, Des Voeux Road Central were sued for a breach of contract in regard to a shipment of salt herrings, which was before the Court on February 28, has been settled between the parties, this information being imparted to the Pulao Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in his chambers yesterday afternoon.

The plaintiff in the case was Leo Beng-ke, No. 87, Des Voeux Road West, third floor. Particulars of the claim stated that by a contract in writing dated October 1, 1928, between the plaintiff and the defendants, the latter agreed to sell 500 boxes of dry salt herrings, fair average quality by the catch as per Government (Canadian) certificate, at \$7.50 per picul less 20 per cent. Shipment was guaranteed for on or about October 30, 1928 by the s.s. Tyndareus.

It was alleged by the plaintiff that the defendant committed a breach of the contract by refusing to deliver the goods, thereby causing a loss to the plaintiff of \$1,890 being the difference in price on the date of the contract and the market value on November 26, the date of the alleged breach.

Mr. F. H. Loseby was for the plaintiff and Mr. Leo D'Almada defended.

AFFORESTATION.

TREES TO SHADE HIGHWAYS
AND RIVERBANKS.

In accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Provincial Government of Kwangtung has circulated orders to the Rehabilitation Commissioners for the four Regions, the Department of Reconstruction, the Municipal Government and the Afforestation Bureau, for the planting of trees along all highways, riverbanks and also along railway lines. This step is being taken in pursuance of the programme of afforestation that has recently been drawn up.

Apart from the protection from the sun that trees will offer, it is also realised that the presence of vegetation exerts an influence on weather conditions, and the object of the present order is to aid the movement to cover the province with trees to attain these ends.

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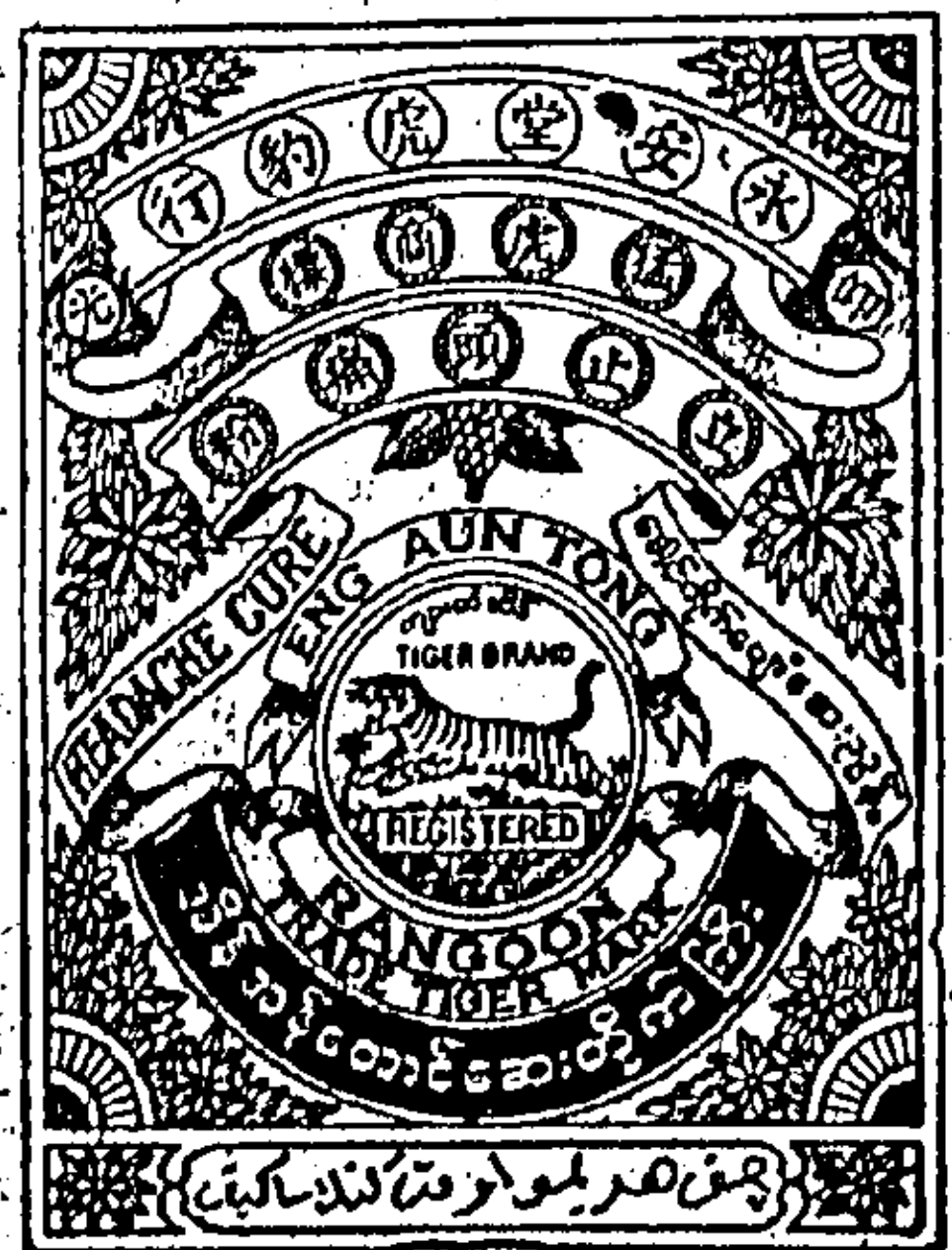
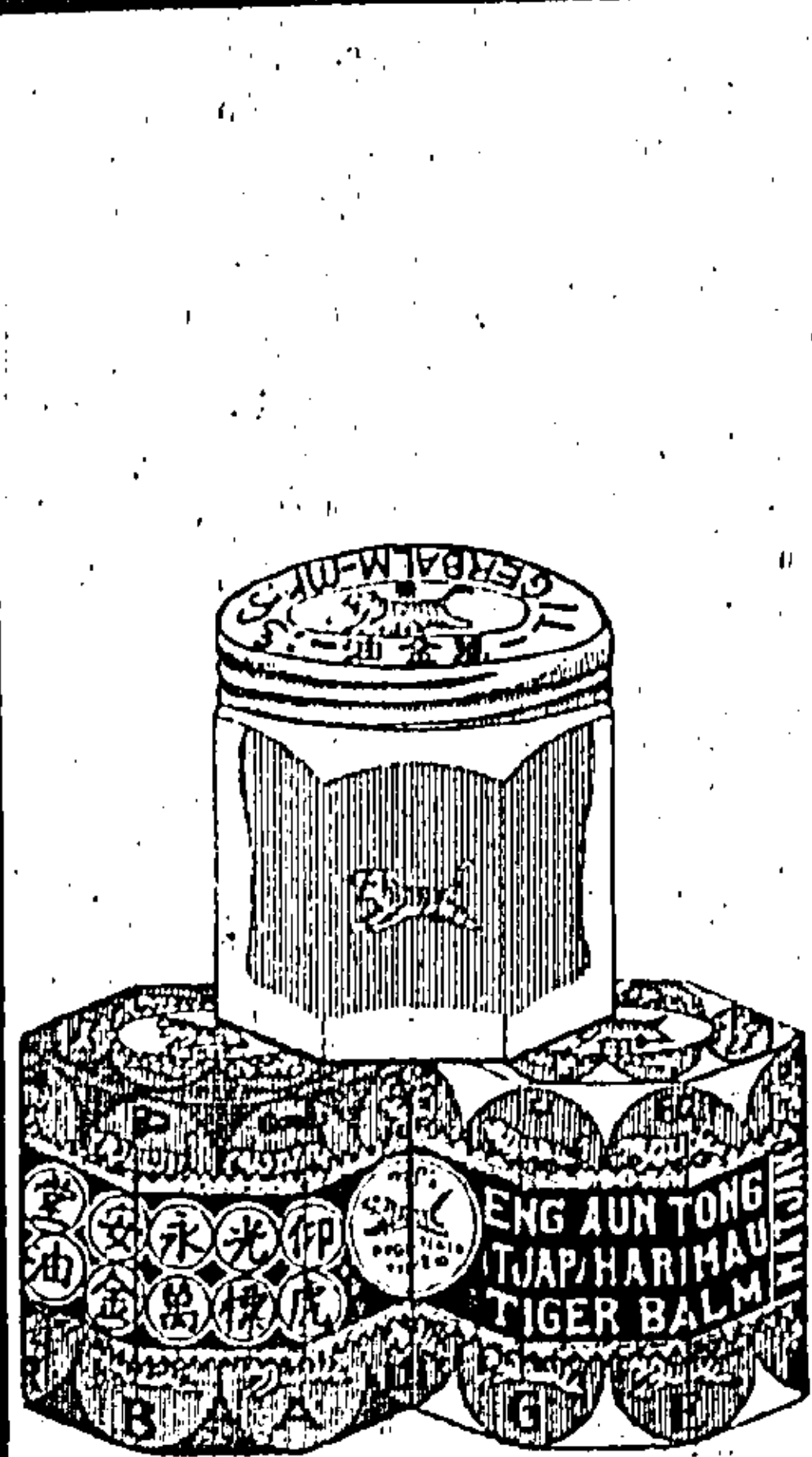
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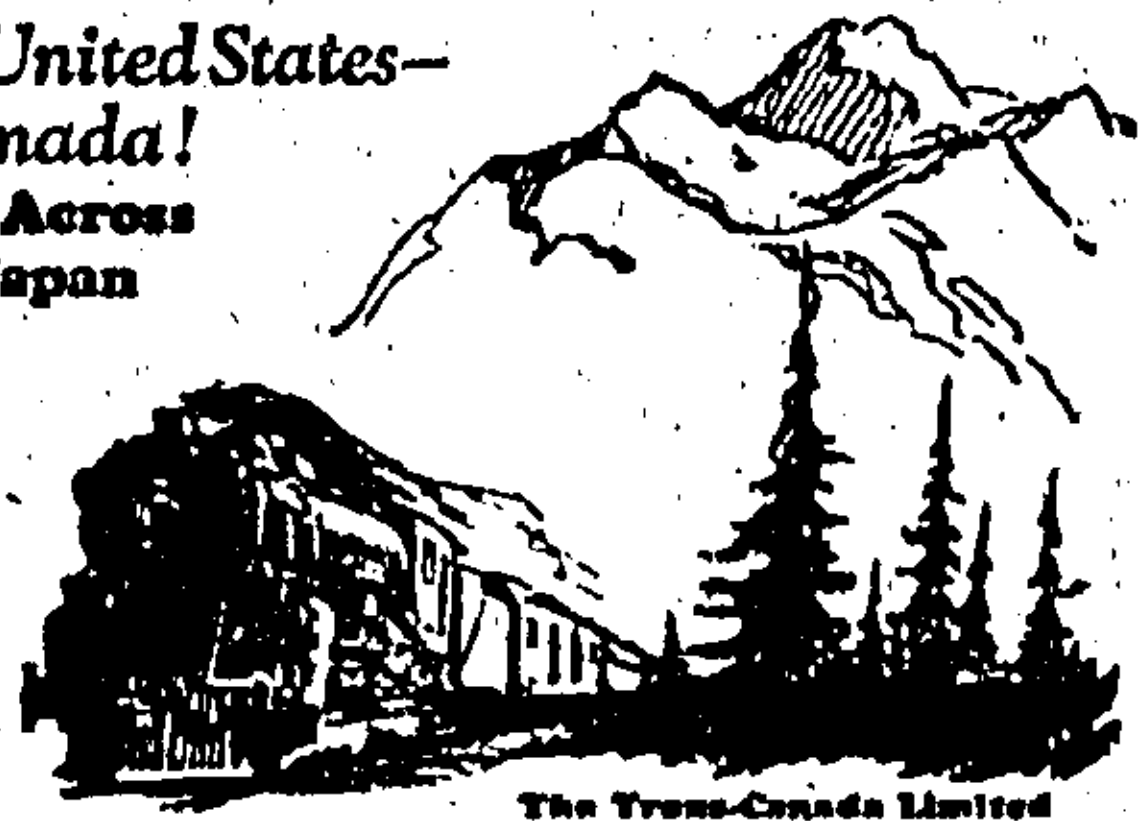
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Together with the party is an American lady, Miss Caroline MacDonald, who will attend the Conference in the capacity of Secretary and Interpreter to the Japanese delegation. This lady has been in Japan for many years and is a great friend of the Japanese people. She was at one time in the Y.W.C.A. movement in that country, eventually leaving that to do settlement work. She spent some time among the Japanese prisoners, resulting in her writing a book entitled "Gentlemen in Prison," which brought her fame as an authoress.

Among the other passengers on board the s.s. Kitano Maru are General J. C. Fabst, the Dutch Minister to Japan, who is going on furlough; Lt. C. H. M. Colgrave, a tourist; Mrs. C. Volkmann, Mr. J. Patterson, Miss D. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Davison and Mr. E. W. Packer.

Yesterday's Departures.

A number of Hongkong residents left for home yesterday by the Blue Funnel s.s. Antenor. The passengers included Mrs. H. R. Remington, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Landsberg, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. F. A. Perry, Mr. G. Wood, Mr. F. A. Mackintosh, Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Mr. E. C. Frederick, Mr. W. A. Nowers, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Glover, Mrs. L. G. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. N. Murdoch, Mr. E. A. Simon and Mr. E. A. Griffith.

KWANGSI EXPOSITION.

TO BE HELD IN LUICHOW NEXT YEAR.

Two circulars regarding the proposed Kwangsi exposition to be held at Luichow in June of next year have come to hand. The exposition is part of the constructive programme of the Kwangsi Government to make their position and resources better known to the world, to show what the people of Kwangsi have done and are prepared to do and to invite others to introduce their goods and offer their service to the inhabitants of this large territory.

There will be classes for the following exhibits: Agricultural flowers, forest, animal, mineral, sericulture, marine food, biological specimens, machinery, electrical apparatus, textiles, chemicals, handicrafts, fine arts, educational works, vehicles, etc.

General Wu Ting-yang, Commissioner of Reconstruction of Kwangsi, is Director-General and Mr. Tang Tai-yee, M.S., Assistant Director of the Kwangsi Department of Agriculture is Director of Exhibits. The exposition has an outpost information office in the Trade Office of the Bureau of Construction of Kwangsi on the 4th floor of the Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong.

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MR. S. BAKER RETIRING.

GOING HOME.

With the departure on Saturday of Mr. S. Baker, the chief engineer of the China Sugar Refinery at East Point, the Colony will lose another of its "old hands." Mr. Baker's stay in Hongkong covering a period of no less than 34 years. He arrived here in 1895.

In those far-off days, Mr. Baker was fourth engineer on a Jardine boat, the Kingsing, and unlike most seafaring folk, he outlived his vessel, the Kingsing having been scrapped long since. After serving about seventeen years with the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., Mr. Baker was appointed chief engineer to the China Sugar Refinery, where he has remained until now. The liquidation of the firm has been completed and the old refinery demolished, the cleaning-up process still proceeding.

Mr. Baker, accompanied by his wife and family will leave for home on retirement by the P. and O. Karmala, which sails on Saturday. A number of farewells have been arranged this week in his honour, the major one of which will be held to-night at the Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institute, where Mr. Baker will be made the recipient of a presentation by the members.

Ever since he arrived in Hongkong, Mr. Baker has taken considerable interest in the Institute. He was Secretary for no less than eleven years and was unanimously appointed President in the year 1923-24, and in signally honouring their past secretary and past president the members of the Institute are paying a tribute to one who for long has had the interests of the society at heart, and has staunchly worked in its cause.

Mr. Baker also took a keen interest in the activities of the St. George's Society, and served on the Committee from 1925 to 1928, during which period his services were invaluable. Well-known and popular in the Colony, his departure is regretted, but all wish him bon voyage and a pleasant retirement. His old bowling associates will miss him. He was a keen lawn bowler and played for the East Point Recreation Club in League games.

SMALL-POX FIGURES.

LAST WEEK'S RETURN SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE.

The Medical Officer of Health's return of small-pox cases for last week shows a slight increase. Twenty-one cases were reported as against 13 for the previous week, but the deaths numbered no less than 39. All were Chinese and two cases were imported. Twelve occurred in Victoria, eight in Kowloon and one in Shantwan.

Yesterday three more Chinese cases were reported.

The following table gives the weekly return since November 3:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	0
November 17	31	0
November 24	17	0
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38
January 5	80	44
January 12	85	44
January 19	94	53
January 26	73	77
February 2	67	58
February 9	80	59
February 16	47	61
February 23	54	54
March 2	51	34
March 9	37	42
March 16	23	51
March 23	22	47
March 30	22	29
April 6	13	10
April 13	21	39

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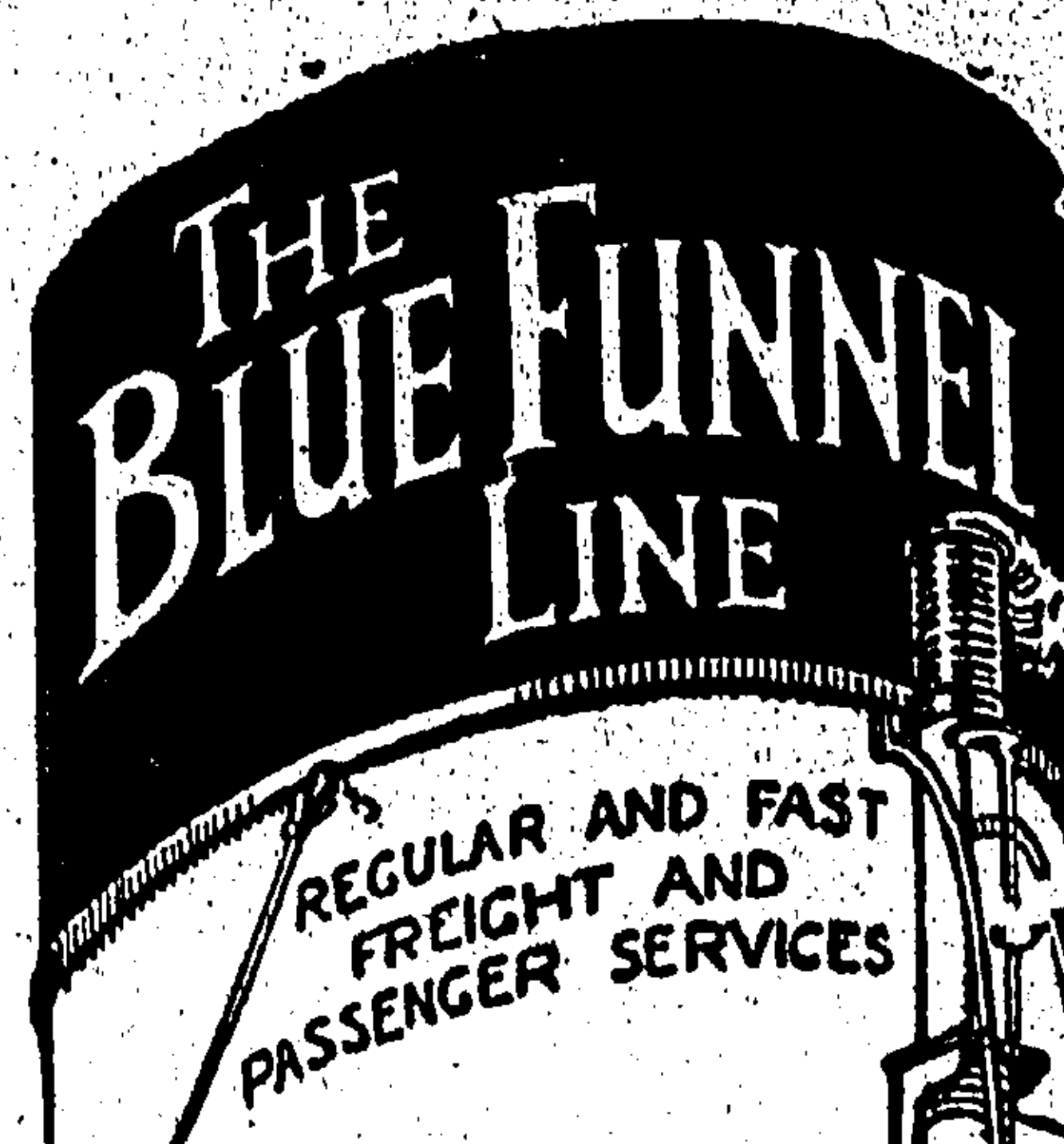
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SESSIONS CALENDAR.

SEVEN CASES TO BE HEARD BY PUISNE JUDGE.

There are seven cases down for hearing at this month's Criminal Sessions which open at the Supreme Court at half past ten to-morrow. The charges in all cases relate to robberies, possession of arms and ammunition and receiving stolen goods. All cases will be taken by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood).

Two cases are down for hearing on Thursday, the first case being one in which Pang Liu and Wong Tai-chuen are charged with having committed a robbery on January 10, 1929, with other persons unknown, and to have stolen jewellery, including a sovereign and a half sovereign, and a total of \$471 in money.

In the second case Chan Shu, Chan Kai, Lo Man and Wong Yiu-fan, alias Wong Kwong, are alleged to have committed a robbery in the course of which they stole articles of jewellery, two Austrian three penny bits and \$233.10 in money. There are also charges of receiving the stolen property, while there is an additional charge against Chan Kai of being in possession of ten rounds of pistol ammunition without a licence or lawful authority.

On Friday there will be no Sessions in the morning because the judge will be sitting in Summary Jurisdiction dealing with the usual Friday list of Summary Court cases.

Possession of Revolvers.

The Sessions will be resumed on Friday afternoon when Chan Kin-shun will face a charge of being in possession of a revolver and five rounds of pistol ammunition without a licence or lawful authority. In another case to be heard on Friday afternoon Yan Ngu will be charged that he, together with another person unknown, committed a robbery and stole a pair of gold earrings and \$15.50 in money.

At the conclusion of Friday's sitting the Sessions will be adjourned until half past ten on Monday morning when a charge of robbery by two or more will be preferred against Li Kui, Lo Sui-wing, Mok Kwai and Au Wun. They are alleged to have stolen jewellery, a toothpick, a hat, two cigarette holders and \$48 in money. There are also charges against the first, third and fourth prisoners of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. The first and third are charged with possession of a revolver, while the fourth man will be charged with possession of four revolvers, one dagger and 40 rounds of ammunition, in addition to a charge of receiving.

Aiding and Abetting.

On Tuesday morning Ho San, Chung San and Cheung Pak-to will be charged with committing a robbery with other persons unknown, and with having stolen jewellery. A fourth prisoner, Wang Hoi, will be charged with being present at the robbery and with aiding and abetting.

The last case on the calendar is one in which Lam Hop will be charged that on the night of March 14-15, 1929, with one or more other persons unknown, he committed a robbery and stole \$46.29 in money, a serge jacket, and a purse containing \$1. There is an alternative count against him that he did counsel, procure and command two persons unknown to commit the felony.

STEAMER INSPECTION.

CONDITIONS FOR GRANT OF U. S. CERTIFICATE.

The U.S. Consul General forwards for publication the following circular received from the Department of Commerce, Washington:

January 26, 1929.

To United States supervising and local inspectors. Steamboat Inspection Service, Collectors of Customs, and masters, owners and agents of merchant passenger steam vessels of Hongkong.

This Department having been officially advised by the Secretary of State that authorities of Hongkong will recognise as valid the steamboat inspection certificates issued by the authorities of the United States to merchant steam vessels of the United States, and in the case of vessels of the United States having unexpired certificates of inspection issued by officers of the United States Government, will dispense with any further inspection as regards hull, boilers, machinery, and equipments, including life-saving apparatus, except such as is necessary to satisfy the inspector that the condition of the vessel, her boilers, and life-saving equipments are as stated in the said current United States certificate of inspection, it is hereby ordered, under the authority conferred upon the Secretary of Commerce by the amendment of section 4400, Revised Statutes of the United States, approved March 17, 1909, that hereafter and until otherwise directed the merchant passenger steam vessels of Hongkong sailing from ports in the United States and holding unexpired certificates of inspection issued by the duly constituted officers of Hongkong shall be subject to no other inspection than such as is necessary to satisfy the local inspectors that the condition of the vessel, her boilers, and life-saving equipments are as stated in the said current Hongkong certificate of inspection.

The masters, owners, or agents of Hongkong merchant passenger steam vessels holding certificates of inspection issued by the authorities of the United States shall immediately upon arriving at ports in the United States file in the office of the local inspectors, Steamboat Inspection Service, having jurisdiction in such ports, a copy of their current Hongkong certificate of inspection.

The local inspectors will, upon receipt of the copy of the Hongkong certificate of inspection, proceed at once to make the examination necessary to comply with the requirements of the March 17, 1909, heretofore referred to. If, after such examination, the local inspectors shall find that the existing conditions of the vessel, her boilers, machinery, and life-saving equipment conform to the provisions of the steam vessel's current Hongkong certificate of inspection, they shall furnish the master, owners, or agents a certificate to that effect on Form 989. Said certificate will be dated to expire on the date of expiration of the said steam vessel's Hongkong certificate on file in the inspectors' office.

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The s.s. Nam Peng arrived in port at 11.30 p.m. on Monday under the command of Capt. A.S.M. d'Oliveira and later proceeded to the Kwong Fook Cheong Dockyard, where, it is understood, the vessel will be taken in hand for minor repairs.

She was built in Germany by H.F. Ulrichs and Co. as far back as 1882 and the Wilhelm and is an iron screw steamer of 753 gross tonnage and 688 net tonnage. Engine by O. Henschel and Co. at Berlin to 58 N.H.P., her dimensions are length 143.0 feet, beam 27 feet and depth 14.3 feet.

VESSEL AGROUND.

CHINESE STEAMER STRIKES SUBMERGED WRECK.

Shanghai, Apr. 16.

The Chinese steamer Yungshin, plying between Shanghai and Foochow, is reported to have been gone aground over a wrecking breaker, following running over a submerged wreck early this morning. The passengers have been sent ashore.

Later, The Yungshin report is confirmed. There are no casualties. Tugs are standing by in the hope of refloating the vessel at high tide.

The extent of the damage is not ascertainable.—Reuter.

[The Yungshin is registered at Shanghai and is owned by the Ningpo Shaoxing S. N. Company, Ltd. Her registered tonnage is 1,685 tons. She is 258.3 ft. in length, 34.2 breadth and 20.4 depth. The Yungshin was built by Scott and Company of Greenock in 1886.]

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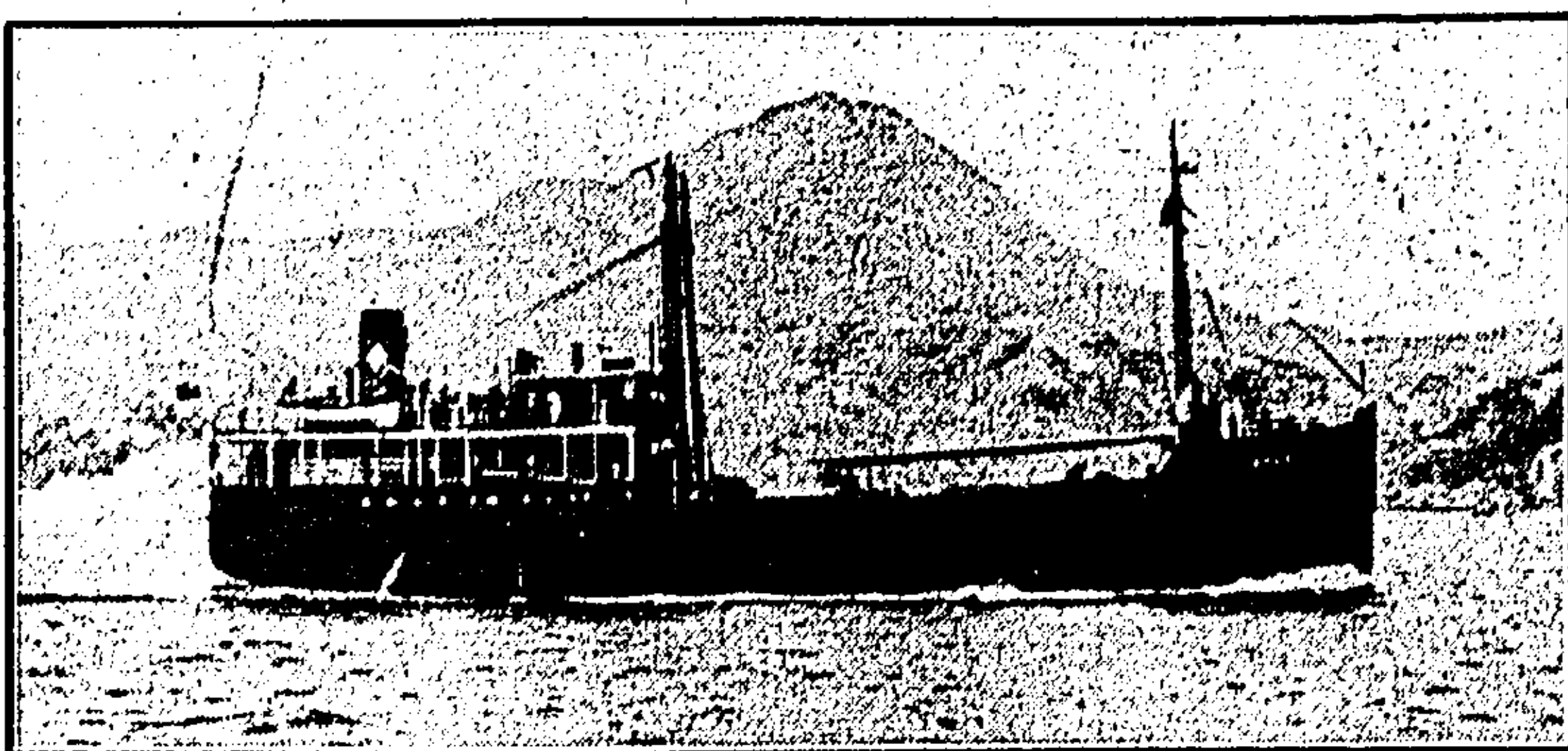
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INAGPORA	5,283	4th May.	M'les, London, Hull, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KIDDERPORE	5,334	8th May.	Straits & Bombay
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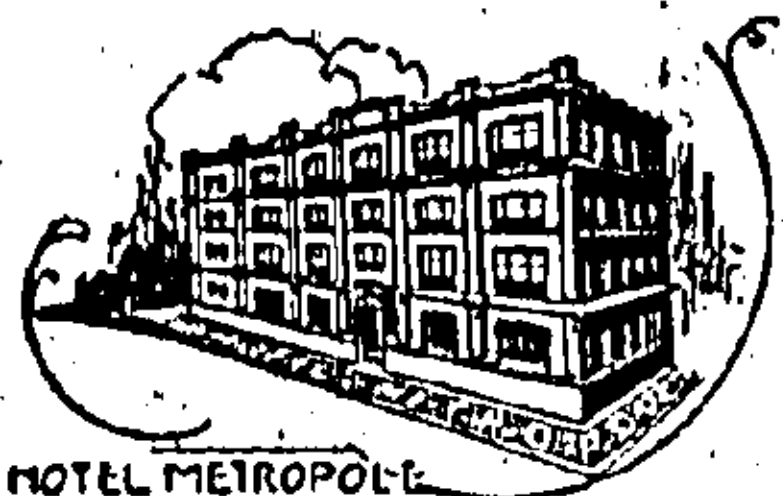
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GANG'S REVENGE ON THE 'SQUEAKER.'

MAN & WIFE KILLED BY MACHINE-GUN.

New York, Mar. 20.
A party of gunmen battered their way into the armour-plated flat of Sam Sacco, an ex-convict, in a quiet section of Queen's (a New York suburb) this morning and killed him and his wife. Apparently Sacco knew that his life was threatened, for the door

of his apartment was sheathed with heavy pieces of iron and was equipped with strong bolts. The gunmen smashed the door in while Sacco and his wife were still in bed, and then opened fire on them with a machine-gun. According to the police it was a case of ruthless revenge by gang-land against a "squeaker," for while serving a sentence for murder in Sing Sing, Sacco betrayed to the governor plans made by a number of convicts for a dash for liberty.

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AMERICAN RYDER CUP TEAM.

HAGEN QUIETLY CONFIDENT OF PROSPECTS.

ATTACK ON THE OPEN.

London, Apr. 16.
The members of the American Ryder Cup team of golfers, which are visiting England with a view to retaining the trophy won last year, arrived in Plymouth this morning, with the famous professional, Walter Hagen as their captain.

Hagen, in an interview with Reuters representative, discussing the prospects said that his fellows represented the best team that America had ever sent to England.

All American Open Champions who were eligible to play had been included, though he was prepared to admit that they would all have to play hard to retain the Cup. He mentioned that all twelve American players were born in the United States.

The match is to be played at Leeds and the eight to represent the United States will be selected according to the form displayed in preliminary trials.

Seventeen American golfers, all of first-class rank, are included in the party and all will compete in the British Open Championship at Muirfield.

Miss Marion Hollins, the American lady champion in 1921, and Miss Turpin, the present Southern States champion, arrived by the same boat to compete in the British Ladies' Championship at St. Andrews.—*Reuter.*

ARCTIC AIRSHIP SERVICE.

DR. NANSEN RETURNS FROM UNITED STATES.

Bergen, Apr. 16.
Dr. Nansen, the noted explorer, has returned from America, where he has been negotiating in connexion with the proposed trial flight of the Graf Zeppelin to America via the Arctic in connexion with the proposed trans-Arctic airship service between Europe and America.

Interviewed, Dr. Nansen expressed the opinion that Fairbanks, Alaska, was the best site for a mooring mast. Negotiations are proceeding with the American authorities.

Certain American newspapers have proposed that the mooring mast on the European side be erected at Leningrad.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE TROOPS IN SHANTUNG.

EVACUATION DEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Tokyo, Apr. 17.
The Commander of the Japanese Garrison in Shantung has been telegraphically instructed to postpone the evacuation of the Japanese troops, in accordance with yesterday's decision.

It is understood that the Government is drawing up a statement explaining the reasons necessitating this postponement.—*Reuter.*

SELLING LIVE LIZARDS.

HAWKER WHO OFFERED BRIBE TO CONSTABLE.

A hawk, who was plying a rather unusual business in Pottinger Street, selling live lizards, was brought this morning before Major C. Wilson, for failing to specify on his licence, which was produced by an Indian constable, the goods he was selling.

The defendant was also accused of offering a bribe of thirty cents to the constable, when he was arrested.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$1 on the first charge and a fine of \$4 on the second.

MINOR TONG WAR.

TROUBLE BETWEEN CHINESE CLANS.

According to the police, a simplified form of tong warfare is raging in Hongkong, the activities of the respective clans being confined mainly to the breaking of night-refuge receptacles.

At the Police Court this morning, Mr. E. W. Hamilton took a serious view of a case in which a Chinese was charged with this offence, and fined him \$25, with the alternative of a month in prison with hard labour.

ALLIES IN CAUSE OF HUMANITY.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA PARLEY.

KING WELCOMES FOREIGN DELEGATES.

OLDEST TRADITIONS.

London, Apr. 10.

The new conditions prevailing since the last International Convention were stressed by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, the President of the Board of Trade, at the opening to-day of the International Conference for the Safety of Life at Sea, convened by the British Government.

The conference is being held at the Foreign Office, and delegates from seventeen countries were present including the British Dominions and India, the United States, Japan, and most of the European countries, including Soviet Russia and Holland.

King's Message.

Representatives of the League of Nations were also present at the conference, which aims at the revision of the Convention signed in London in 1914 after the Titanic Disaster.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister conveyed to the conference a message from the King extending a cordial welcome to the delegates.

His Majesty recalled the conference which met in London over fifteen years ago, and expressed pleasure that so many of the countries which participated in that conference were now once more united in co-operation in the great cause of the safety of life at sea.

Novel Experiment.

Addressing the conference, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister said:

"The purpose of this conference is to review the Convention of 1914 and we assemble almost on the anniversary of the Titanic Disaster, which was the immediate cause of the last conference."

That conference was of the greatest value. It was a novel and an ambitious experiment and it ought to cover a wide field. Most of the questions affecting the safety of passenger ships came within its purview. That conference dispersed and within six months came the cataclysm of the Great War.

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On the proposals of Mr. Wallace Whitehead, of the United States delegation, Vice-Admiral Sir H. Richmond, the chairman of the British delegation took the chair.

The proceedings thereafter were private.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICIAN.

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS SMARTT.

Capetown, Apr. 16.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Smartt, K.C.M.G., who was Secretary of Agriculture in the Union of South Africa from 1921 to 1924.

An Irishman by birth, he was trained for the medical profession, but subsequently entered politics and held several Ministerial posts in South Africa. He was leader of the Unionist Party in South Africa, and was a Progressive in politics.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S STOCK OF RADIUM.

MORE OF PRECIOUS MINERAL TO BE PURCHASED.

BIG PUBLIC APPEAL.

London, Apr. 16.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the Commons that the report of the sub-committee of the Committee of Civil Research, which was appointed in July last year to examine the national radium requirements, will be issued immediately.

The report deals with requirements for medical treatment and for the purposes of physical research and with the possibility of developing new sources of supply.

The sub-committee recommends the appointment of "National Radium Trustees" to hold funds provided by Parliament or otherwise, and to purchase and hold radium for distribution and use by a "Radium Commission" whose establishment is also recommended.

The report estimates that about 25 grammes of radium are at present available in the country, and expresses the opinion that in order to meet the requirements of England, Wales and Scotland, twenty grammes of radium in addition to the stocks already available or likely to be available shortly for general medical use, should be acquired within a specified period before the end of 1930.

The report adds that the Belgian Congo is at present the only source of additional supplies of any quantity.

The Trustees.

The Trustees should number eleven, including the Minister of Health, the Presidents of the Medical Societies. They should be entrusted with the appointment of the Radium Commission.

The report recommends that a public appeal should be made for the necessary funds, estimated to be £200,000, for the purchase of the extra radium, the Government contributing £ for £.

Mr. Churchill announced that the Government had accepted in principle the recommendation as regards the establishment of organisation and is prepared to contribute £ for £ to a maximum of £100,000.

Replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Churchill said the Government did not fear that the announcement would seriously affect the price of radium.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

MINOR SUCCESS FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

Geneva, Apr. 16.

Before the Disarmament Committee, M. Litvinoff declared that the Soviet scheme of disarmament was the only practical one.

The Chinese delegate outlined a scheme for abolition of compulsory military service.

Dr. Bernstorff said he hoped the German delegation would not leave Geneva before a solution was reached of outstanding points, namely the effectives and war material of the land and sea forces.

The committee adjourned until April 17, after agreeing on the agenda, whereby the draft convention for a proportional and progressive reduction of all armaments will be the first item discussed.

The result of the discussion was a success for the Soviet delegation inasmuch as the Soviet plan for general disarmament is to be the first subject of discussion.

The Turkish delegates have submitted a scheme which provides for the fixing of the maximum effective forces required for the defence of each of the great Powers. States possessing forces above the maximum agreed upon must reduce them, but States below the maximum will not be allowed to increase.—*Reuter.*

SPITTING IN COURT.

CHINESE WHO WANTED TO CLEAR THROAT.

"What do you mean by spitting in my Court?" asked Mr. E. W. Hamilton of a Chinese hawk who was charged with a minor offence in connexion with his licence this morning.

"To clear my throat," came the pat reply.

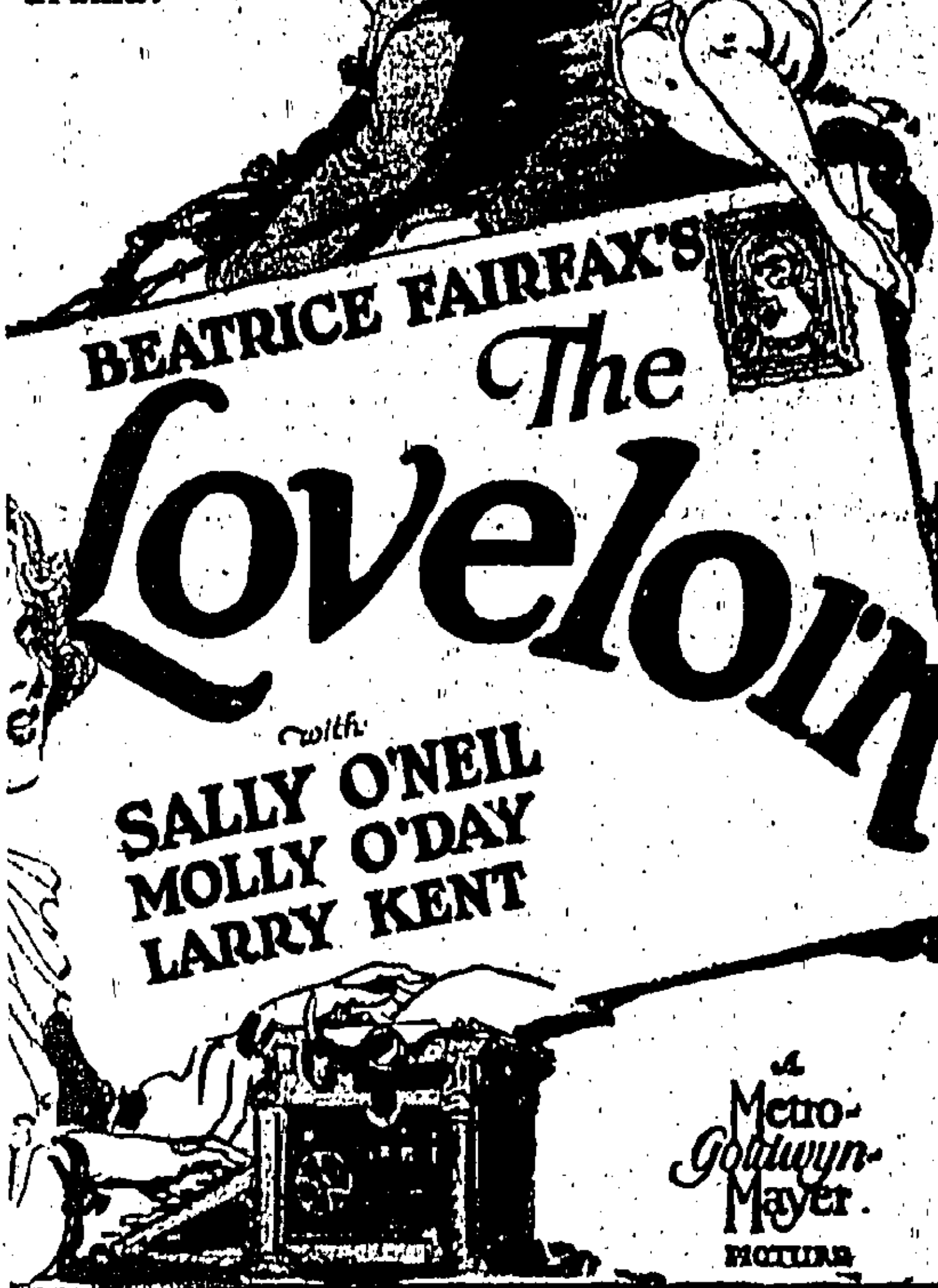
"Do you know that I should fine you for that offence?" said Mr. Hamilton.

"Perhaps so," replied the smiling culprit, "but my throat often troubles me that way and I have to spit somewhere."
"Cautioned—don't do it again," rejoined Mr. Hamilton.

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